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HEPBURN.—A Japanese and English Dictionary; with an English and Japanese index. By J. C. Hepburn, A.M., M.D. Imperial 8vo., pp. xii. and 560 and 132, cloth, Shanghai, 1867. £5 5s.
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JOURNAL of the Shanghai Literary and Scientific Society, No. 1, June, 1858. 8vo., Shanghai, 1858. (5 copies) each 2s.
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Per *Henri IV*, from Bangkok,—3 Chinese.
Per *Lola*, from Manila,—1 European.

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J. F. BUXEY, Esq., (Messrs. Eduljee Framjee, Sons & Co.)
HERMANN MELCHERS, Esq., (Messrs. Melchers & Co.)
E. DELBANCO, Esq., (Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris.)
AUGUSTINE HEARD, Esq., (Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co.)

Bankers,—
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Auditors,—
F. W. MITCHELL, Esq.
MATTHEW W. BOYD, Esq.
(Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.)

Head Office,—
HONGKONG.

Secretaries,—
MESSRS. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

THE Company having been Registered under the "Companies Ordinance, 1865," and its Shares allotted, will be prepared to accept Risks against Fire, on buildings and merchandise Stored therein, at the current rates, on and after March 1st, 1870.
Twenty per centum of the profits of the Company will be distributed annually as a Bonus among Contributing Shareholders, proportionately to the amount of premia paid by them.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Secretaries.
tf 399 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of this Company will be Closed from the 19th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.
A. NEWTON,
Manager.
18d 507 Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

LES Bureaux du Consulat de France sont actuellement transférés au No. 4, Alexandra Terrace.
Pour Le Consul de France, Le Chanceller,
CH. L. DE LA FOREST.
tf 510 Hongkong, 14 March, 1870.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Directors:—
The Honble. H. B. GIBB, of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., (Chairman).
J. B. TAYLOR, Esq., of Messrs. Smith, Archer & Co.
E. A. HITCHCOCK, Esq., of Messrs. Olyphant & Co.
A. MAC G. HEATON, Esq., of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co.
EDWD. ARTHUR, Esq., of The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China.

HEAD OFFICE AT HONGKONG.

Secretary.—
N. J. EDE, Esq.

Bankers,—
THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

Agents,—
Swatow, Messrs. BRADLEY & Co.
Amoy, „ ELLES & Co.
Foochow, „ OLYPHANT & Co.
Shanghai, „ GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hankow, „ Do.
Yokohama, „ SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
Tientsin, JOHN HANNA, Esq.

THE Company having been Registered and the Letters of Allotment for Shares appropriated to Hongkong, Canton, and Macao having been issued this day, the Company will Commence Business on TUESDAY, the 1st proximo, and will be prepared to Accept Risks at the current rates of premium.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.
tf 398 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

THE
LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
A.D. 1720.

ABSTRACT
OF
GENERAL BALANCE SHEET,
AND PARTICULARS OF THE
LIFE DEPARTMENT,
On the 31st December, 1868.

Offices:
No. 7, ROYAL EXCHANGE, E.C., & No. 7, PALL MALL, S.W.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE was incorporated by Royal Charters in the year 1720 and 1721, for effecting MARINE, FIRE, and LIFE ASSURANCES. By the terms of the Charters and a subsequent Act of Parliament, the total Capital of the Corporation and all its assets collectively are applicable to discharge all Claims without distinction.

The following is an abstract of the General Balance Sheet of the Corporation on 31st December, 1868:—

		£ s. d.
Shareholders' Capital £896,550, of which is paid up		448,275 0 0
General Reserve Fund		265,536 3 6
Balance of Profit and Loss		105,474 3 5
Marine and Fire Insurance Funds, consisting of Premiums in hand in excess of settlements		313,098 0 0
Life Assurance Funds, consisting of Premiums in hand with accumulated Interest in excess of settlements		1,331,150 1 5
		£2,463,533 17 4
Life Claims admitted and in course of payment	32,699 0 10	
Annuities unpaid, and sundry outstanding Accounts	6,307 16 0	
		39,006 16 10
		£2,502,540 14 2

	£ s. d.
British Government Securities	691,265 13 2
Mortgages	1,214,616 14 4
Indian Debentures, and Railway and other British Debentures	445,275 0 0
Sundry other Investments	21,342 3 5
Cash at Bankers and on Deposit, and Bills receivable	99,405 16 1
	£2,471,905 7 0
Premiums and Interest due and in course of collection	30,635 7 2
	£2,502,540 14 2

By the above abstract, it will be seen that the Corporation has Funds in hand amounting to £2,463,533 17s. 4d. to meet all its unascertained Liabilities.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

The LIFE ASSURANCE FUNDS result from the accumulation at compound interest of the Life Premiums, after payment of the Claims and other outgoings of this Department.

The LIFE BUSINESS is carried on in three distinct Series, which are worked independently; and the following are the results of the last valuation thereof.—

Date of Valuation.	Series.	Sum Assured.	Annual Premiums.	Life Assurance Fund.	Estimated Value of Liabilities.	Surplus.
31st Dec., 1867	Old	1,344,675 21,497 *Annuities*	42,081	450,992	441,719	69,273
1st Nov. as to 31st Dec., 1868	1831	1,300,189	40,336	474,604	374,139	100,465
31st Dec., 1868	1846	1,030,016 69,422 *Bonus*	41,887	380,127	275,905	104,222

These valuations are made on the following principles, viz.:—The old Series by the 17 Offices' experience Mortality, at Four per Cent. Interest; the two other Series, by the Government Annuitants' Mortality, at Three per Cent. Interest. In all cases the Nett Premiums only have been taken into account.

On 31st December, 1868, there were in force Life Policies for £4,804,489

Annual Premiums in 1868 £159,083
Interest in 1868 54,560

Total Income of this Department £213,643

Further information may be obtained at the Head Office of the Corporation—7, ROYAL EXCHANGE.

tf 269] HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs leave to return his sincere thanks for past favors bestowed, and respectfully informs his patrons that he has secured the Services of Mr. J. W. ELIOTT, late of Manila, in addition to Mr. J. R. STATIA and myself; tenders their Services to Gentlemen desirous of any Tonsorial operations, performed with greater dispatch than heretofore, HONGKONG HOTEL HAIR DRESSING SALOON.
W. P. MOORE.
1m 456 Hongkong, 7th March, 1870.

HONGKONG RACE FUND, 1870.

SUBSCRIBERS are requested to forward the amount of their subscriptions to
E. A. ARTHUR,
Hon. Treasurer.
tf 375 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

WANTED.

SEVEN European or ten Chinese Physicians, to accompany Chinese passengers to California and Australia. Apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 433 Hongkong, 3rd March, 1870.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their sales room, Queen's Road,
THIS DAY,
the 25th instant, at Noon,—
An Invoice of Coward's Oilman's STORES, comprising MUSTARD, SALAD OIL, VINEGAR, PICKLES, KETCHUP and Assorted SAUCES, French OLIVES, CAPERS, Lemon SYRUP, Tart FRUIT, JAMS, Candied PEEL, CURRANTS, FIGS, Sultana and Muscatel RAISINS, ALMONDS, ARROWROOT, MACCARONI, OATMEAL, BLOATERS, &c.
500 MUSKETS, 5 Cases CARTRIDGES, 12 Cases Assorted CHUTNEYS, 100 dozen Choice Flavouring EXTRACTS, 3 doz. Cigar CASES, 50 Boxes CANDLES, 25 Cases Hennessey's BRANDY, 25 Cases Swaine & Boord's OLD TOM.
An Invoice of Choice WINES, comprising PORT, SHERRY, CHAMPAGNE, CLARET, VERMOUTH, &c. Atfise Cases BITTERS, 100 Pieces fine White LINEN, HOLLAND, TICKING, FLANNEL, EAU DE COLOGNE.
An Invoice of Old YELLOW METAL.
7 Pkts. Vegetable SEEDS.
7 „ Flower do.
And, the usual MISCELLANEOUS ASSORTMENT.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
569 Hongkong, 24th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND STORE FIXTURES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. S. W. BAKER & Co. to sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW,
the 26th day of March, 1870, at noon,
The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and STORE FIXTURES, at their residence, *Queen's Road*, comprising:—
CHAIRS, TABLES, COUCHES, SIDEBOARD, LAMPS, Iron BEDSTEADS, Child's COT, Marble Top WASHSTAND, Toilet TABLES and MIRRORS, Pier GLASS, Dining TABLE, GLASSWARE, Plated WARE, Dinner SET, ENGRAVINGS, &c.
Also,
STORE FIXTURES, Show CASES, COUNTERS, TABLES, STANDS, a Chubb's SAFE, Copying PRESS, Plate GLASSES, &c.
The Store Fixtures will be sold at 12 o'clock, and the Household Furniture immediately afterwards.
Catalogues will be issued, and the whole will be on view on the morning of the day of Sale.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
515 Hongkong, 15th March, 1870.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Bungalow at the Corner of *Wellington Street* and *Graham Street*, on
WEDNESDAY NEXT,
the 30th March, at 3 P.M.,—
The whole of the Elegant English-made FURNITURE, comprising Walnut, Damask Covered CHAIRS and COUCHES, Marble Centre, and Side TABLES, MIRRORS, CLOCKS, Musical BOX, PICTURES, Crystal GASALIER, CARPETS, Dining TABLE, CHAIRS, SIDEBOARD, WARDROBES, BEDSTEADS, WASHSTANDS, Cheval GLASSES, Office DESKS, SCALES, Iron SAFES,
&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
576 Hongkong, 25th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. GILMAN & Co., to sell by Public Auction, (if not previously disposed of by Private Sale), on
TUESDAY,
the 5th of April, 1870, at 3 P.M.,
At Messrs. GILMAN & Co.'s Office,—
(Under power contained in the Mortgage Deed).
All those valuable Premises situate in Hongkong, abutting on *Queen's Road* on the south, and partly on the *Praya* on the North, formerly occupied by Messrs. SMITH, KENNEDY & Co., and now in the occupation of Messrs. E. SCHELLHASS & Co. The Premises are built on Marine Lot No. 101, and are held under Lease from the Crown for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £30 per annum. The Premises are spacious and airy, and the ground comprises an area of 14,400 square feet.
The Dwelling House, contains 4 Rooms and and Compradore's and Shroffs' Rooms on the Ground Floor; 4 Rooms on the 1st Floor; and 4 Rooms, 2 Bath Rooms, and Pantry on the 2nd Floor, with convenient Out Offices, consisting of Kitchens, 3 Stall Stable, Boys' Rooms, and spacious Godown opening on to the *Praya*.
Also,
Those valuable Premises adjoining the above on its Western boundary, formerly in the occupation of the Asiatic Bank, and now in the occupation of Messrs. HESSE & Co. These Premises are built on Inland Lot No. 514, and are likewise held under a Crown Lease for 999 years, subject to Crown rent of £24 10s per annum, and the Lot contains an area of 6,750 square feet.
The Dwelling House, contains 2 Rooms, 1 Iron floored Treasury, and 2 Small Rooms for Compradore, and Shroff on the Ground Floor; 10 Rooms on the 1st Floor; 5 Rooms and 5 Bath Rooms on the Second Floor, 1 Under ground Godown and Out Offices. Water laid, on.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase-money to be paid on the fall of the hammer and the balance on completion of the Transfer documents, in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. Transfer expenses to be borne by the purchaser.
For further particulars, apply to
MESSRS. GILMAN & Co.,
OR,
CHAS. H. MORGAN.
336 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION
(Under the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed)
ON
WEDNESDAY,
the Sixth day of April, 1870, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, on the Premises,—
ALL that piece or parcel of GROUND situate on the *Bonham Road*, Victoria, being a portion of the Lot, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 757, together with Dwelling House, Outhouses and Premises erected thereon, and now in the occupation of Captain THOMSETT, R.N.
The Property contains 37,285 square feet or thereabout, and is held for the term of 999 years, commencing on the 7th day of January 1862, and the proportion of the yearly crown rent payable therefor is $130 per annum.
To view the same and for further particulars, apply to
CHARLES H. MORGAN,
Auctioneer.
CONDITIONS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance within two weeks from the day of sale, when the Purchase Deeds shall be completed. All expenses of investigating the Title and of the Transfer of the Property to be paid by the purchaser. The property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.
53 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from J. O. HENDERSON, Esq., M.D., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, *Queen's Road*, on
TUESDAY,
the 29th March, 1870, at noon,—
The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising CHAIRS, TABLES, COUCHES, SIDEBOARDS, WHATNOTS, LAMPS, Iron BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, Toilet TABLE, WASHSTANDS and SETS, Book CASES, DESK, Dining TABLES, GLASSWARE, Dinner and Dessert SETS, CUTLERY, MIRRORS, ENGRAVINGS, BOOKS, &c., &c.
1 PONY,
1 „ TRAP, by Lenny & Co. (nearly new).
1 Set HARNESS.
Catalogues will be issued, and the whole may be viewed on and after Monday, the 28th inst.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
501 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Mortgagee, to sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,
the 30th day of March, 1870, at noon, on the Premises, under the power of the sale contained in the Deed of Mortgage,—
Section B of INLAND LOT, No. 290, with the House thereon, situated in Taipingshan, between Square and East Streets.
For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase-money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser. Property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
516 Hongkong, 15th March, 1870.

THE
VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

ON the 31st March, the Offices of the above-named Company will be REMOVED from Battery Path to No. 48, *Queen's Road*,—the buildings occupied by Messrs. GEO. FALCONER & Co.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Secretaries.
tf 463 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

THE VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY OF BOMBAY.

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ON the 31st instant, the Offices of the above-named Companies will be REMOVED from Battery Path to No. 48, *Queen's Road*,—the buildings occupied by Messrs. GEO. FALCONER & Co.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Agents.
tf 464 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON the 31st instant, the Offices of the above-named Company will be REMOVED from Battery Path to No. 48, *Queen's Road*,—the buildings occupied by Messrs. GEO. FALCONER & Co.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
tf 465 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

THE Official Notes and Evidence in the proceedings of the NAVAL COURT OF INQUIRY, as to the collision between the U.S. Corvette *Oneida* and the P. & O. Steamer *Bombay*.
A few copies have been forwarded to the *Daily Press* office, on sale, and may be had on application. Price 50 cents.
tf 467 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership between CHARLES HENRY MORGAN and EDWARD NORTON, under the style of MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co., expires this day by lapse of time.
Mr. C. H. MORGAN will sign the firm in liquidation.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
tf 156 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

MR. EDWARD NORTON will carry on, in his own name, the Godown and storage business (lately MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.'s), and also that of Merchant and Commission Agent.
No. 4, *Praya*.
22nd January, 1870. [tf 157

NOTICE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Insurance Company, is prepared to grant Policies covering Marine risks at Current Rates. Policies can be made payable at all the principal ports throughout the world.
EDW. NORTON,
Agent.
tf 240 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 10 days, ⅛ of the annual rate.
Not exceeding 1 month, ¼ do. do.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months... ½ do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months... ¾ do. do.
EDWARD NORTON,
Agent the Queen Insurance Company.
tf 242 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL,—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Company at this port, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.
EDWARD NORTON.
tf 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

FOR SALE.
Ex "Alsen," from Cardiff.

ABOUT 793 Tons of hand picked and double screened Merthyr Steam COALS.
Apply to
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.
6d 552 Hongkong, 21st March, 1869.

HONGKONG DISTILLERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Works of the above Company being nearly completed, they are now prepared to negotiate for the supplying of Rum at 20 deg. Proof, up to 30 deg. Over Proof, in lots to suit purchasers, and at prices below home cost.
ZEPH. BARTON,
General Manager.
Temporary Office;
Corner of *Hollywood Road* and *Cochrane Street*.
tf 446 Hongkong, 5th March, 1870.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that, the Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of the Shareholders of this Society, will be held at the Head Office, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1869.
By order of the Board,
ROBERT WATMORE,
Secretary.
23d 475 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer Books of the Society will be Closed from the 16th to the 31st instant, both days included, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By order of the Board,
ROBERT WATMORE,
Secretary.
23d 476 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

MACEWEN & Co,
Have for Sale, ex late arrivals,
PRIME York HAMS. Berkley CHEESE. Preserved SOUPS and MEATS, in 1, 2, 4, and 6 lbs. Tins.
JAMS and JELLIES, from Crosse & Blackwell.
PICKLES, Tart FRUITS, and SAUCES, from Crosse & Blackwell.
SARDINES, in ¼ and ½ Tins.
Peek, Frean & Co.'s BISCUITS.
Devenish's CHAMPAGNE ALE, qts. & pts.
Guinness's STOUT, by Burke, „ „
Jeffrey's ALE, in bottle and wood.
Fine OLD PORT.
Good Dinner and after Dinner SHERRIES.
Breakfast and Dinner CLARETS.
Crabbie's GINGER WINE.
Swaine Boord's Orange BITTERS.
do. do. OLD TOM.
Royal Glendee WHISKEY.
"La Grand Marque" BRANDY.
Very old BRANDY, Pinet, Castillon & Co.'s brand.
Hogsheads and quarter Casks CLARET.
Printing PAPER. Writing PAPER.
ENVELOPES. Pump LEATHER.
India Rubber Suction and Delivery HOSE.
Canvas HOSE. India Rubber PACKING.
India Rubber UMBRELLAS.
British MOROCCO. Floor CLOTH.
Sheet LEAD, White Zinc PAINT, Hubbucks.
Paint OIL, Hubbucks.
Steel Firing SHOVELS.
Ballast SHOVELS. Shingling HATCHETS.
Perforated & Sheet ZINC. Turkey HONES.
Stop and Bib COCKS.
Yellow METAL RODS.
Copper NAILS and ROVES.
Copper THERMOMETERS.
Fitzroy's BAROMETERS.
Galvanized PADLOCKS.
Iron and Brass Till LOCKS.
„ „ Rim do. with furniture.
„ „ Mortise do. „ „
Sash LOCKS and LATCHES.
Chubb's Patent Fire-proof SAFES and LOCKS.
Walker's Extra Exhibition CANVAS.
do. Navy Boiled do.
English BUNTING.
131 Hongkong, 21st March, 1870.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—AARON SOLOMON COHEN, of Victoria, Hongkong, General Broker, having been adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Court on the Fifteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, a Public Sitting for the said Bankrupt to pass his last examination, and make application for his discharge, will be held before the Honorable John Smale, Esquire, Chief Justice of the said Court, at the Supreme Court House, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.
At this meeting proofs of the debts of the Creditors will be received.
William Hastings Alexander, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Mr. Francis Innes Hazeland is the Solicitor acting in the Bankruptcy.
Supreme Court House,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1870. [8d 530

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—NUZERALLY ABDOOLALLY, of Victoria, Hongkong, trading solely under the style or firm of N. Abdoolally, Merchant, having been adjudged Bankrupt under a petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Court on the fifteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, a Public Sitting for the said Bankrupt to pass his last examination, and make application for his discharge, will be held before the Honorable John Smale, Esquire, Chief-Justice, of the said Court, at the Supreme Court House, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the twenty-fifth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.
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Supreme Court House,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1870. [8d 530

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

ALL Claims against this Company are requested to be sent in by the 26th instant, after which no accounts can be recognized.
W. F. RUSSELL,
Secretary.
10d 529 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.
14d 513 Hongkong, 15th March, 1870.

FOR SALE,
(Under power contained in the Mortgage Deed),
ALL those valuable Premises situate in Hongkong, abutting on *Queen's Road* on the South, and partly on the *Praya* on the North, formerly occupied by Messrs. SMITH, KENNEDY & Co., and now in the occupation of Messrs. E. SCHELLHASS & Co. The Premises are built on Marine Lot No. 101, and are held under Lease from the Crown for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £30 per annum. The Premises are spacious and airy, and the ground comprises an area of 14,400 square feet.
Also,
Those valuable Premises adjoining the above on its Western boundary, formerly in the occupation of the Asiatic Bank, and now in the occupation of Messrs. HESSE & Co. These Premises are built on Inland Lot No. 514, and are likewise held under a Crown Lease for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £24 10s. per annum, and the Lot contains an area of 6,750 square feet.
The above valuable Property will be sold by Public Auction in Hongkong on some early day (of which due notice will be given), unless previously disposed of by private contract.
For further particulars, apply to
MESSRS. GILMAN & Co.,
OR,
HENRY C. CALDWELL, Esq.,
Solicitor.
tf 58 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

Intimations.

TUNG-HING THEATRE.

A CHINESE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE, by PO-TIEN-CHOI, a Company of Fifth-class Chinese actors, will take place in the above Theatre, at Taipingshan, for six days and nights, commencing from 25th and ending on the 30th of March, Sunday excepted. All actors of this Company are well known for their Theatrical skill, and no doubt all performances will be performed with great success.
First-class Seat ... ... Half Dollar.
1w 568 Hongkong, 24th March, 1870.

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamer
"SUWONADA,"
will be dispatched for the above port at noon TO-MORROW, the 26th instant.
For Treasure, Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
2d 577 Hongkong, 25th March, 1870.

STEAM TO
SINGAPORE, GALLE, AND BOMBAY.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"BENGAL,"
will have immediate dispatch for the above places.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 25th March, 1870. [tf 572

FOR SYDNEY.

THE French Barque
"MERLE BLANC,"
Capt. Feydt, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 573 Hongkong, 25th March, 1870.

TO LET,
(From 1st of April).
THE Commodious BUNGALOW, No. 32, on the corner of No. 5, *Graham Street*.
Apply to
S. D. SUBADAR.
tf 574 Hongkong, 25th March, 1870.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE German Steamer
"VULCAN,"
A. F. Christensen, Master, expected from Canton, will be dispatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
2d 575 Hongkong, 25th March, 1870.

NEITHER the Captain, Owner nor Agents of the N. G. Ship *Alsen*, will be responsible for debts contracted by the crew of the said vessel during her stay in these waters.
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.,
Agents.
7d 560 Hongkong, 23rd March, 1870.

FOR SALE.

A BASKET PHAETON, Paris built, Shafts and Poles for Horses or Ponies, Umbrella Top, Lamps, &c.
A pair of Grey North China PONIES, steady in single or double Harness, and under saddle.
A set of double Pony HARNESS.
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Captain PRENDERGAST, 20th M.N.I.
14d 561 Hongkong, 23rd March, 1870.

EX "BELTED WILL," &c.

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FLOUR OF BEEF.
The BEEF TEA, made with the FLOUR of BEEF, is fully 8 times stronger and more nourishing than Beef Tea made in the ordinary manner, and far more nutritious than the Beef Tea (so called) prepared with LIEBIG'S EXTRACT, which does NOT contain Fibrin, Albumen, Gelatine, or Fat—the very principles which give the body its size, weight, and strength.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
7d 557 Hongkong, 22nd March, 1870.

LOST.

A BILL of Exchange, either on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank or the Chartered Mercantile Bank, drawn by Nghin-nghinlau, of Yokohama, in favor of HIN-NAM, of *Queen's Road*, Hongkong. Any person finding the same, and returning it to HIN NAM, will be rewarded. Notice has been given at the Banks, and payment stopped.
1w 553 Hongkong, 21st March, 1870.

NEITHER the Captain nor the Agents of the British ship *Niagara*, will be responsible for any debts contracted by officers or crew of the said vessel.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Agents Br. ship *Niagara*.
tf 41 Hongkong, 7th January, 1870.

Notices to Consignees.

"TONBRIDGE," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above vessel are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will at once be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
7d 571 Hongkong, 25th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE undermentioned Goods have been landed and stored at Consignees' Risk and Expense:—
Ex Str. *Clan Alpine*, from Calcutta.
L J (in diamond), 3 packages Steel Pens.
Ex *Sir Lancelot*, from London.
N & R (in diamond), 54 cases Merchandise.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
tf 563 Hongkong, 24th March, 1870.

"DEVONSHIRE," FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.
7d 544 Hongkong, 19th March, 1870.

O. S. S. COMPANY'S STEAMER "AJAX."

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above steamer will please send in Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take delivery of the same from Messrs. Russell & Co.'s godowns, on and after the 19th instant.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Agents.
10d 543 Hongkong, 18th March, 1870.

"BELTED WILL," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature to the Undersigned, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, by
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
14d 498 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

Intimations.

THE CHINA AND STRAITS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL $500,000, IN 5,000 SHARES OF $100 EACH.
(Of which $110,000 is already Subscribed).

PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
EDWARD ARTHUR, Esq., (Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.)
JULIUS MENKE, Esq., (Messrs. Wm. Pustau & Co.)
GEORGE J. HELLAND, Esq., (Messrs. John Burd & Co.)

BANKERS.—
CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, & CHINA.

HEAD OFFICE.—
HONGKONG.
GENERAL AGENTS.—
Messrs. JOHN BURD & Co.
PROPOSED AGENTS:—
SINGAPORE.—Messrs. Harrison, Smith & Co.
SWATOW.—Messrs. Dircks & Co.
FOOCHOW.—Messrs. John Forster & Co.
SAIGON.—Messrs. Behre & Co.
AMOY.—Messrs. H. D. Brown & Co.
NINGPO.—A. T. Tyree, Esq.
SHANGHAI.—Messrs. Trautmann & Co.

TWENTY-FIVE dollars per Share will be payable on the day of allotment, and twenty-five dollars per Share six months after that date, the remaining capital to be called up in small sums at such intervals as the Directors may deem expedient, but no further call shall be made until nine months after the payment of the second call.

The Company will be registered under "The Companies Ordinance, 1865" with Limited Liability, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association are in course of preparation. The Articles of Association will be ready for inspection, and copies procurable, at the Office of the General Agents, on and after the 15th instant.

The Board will consist of not less than three, nor more than five Directors, one of whom shall retire annually, being, however, eligible for re-election.

The Funds of the Company will be invested in such manner as may be determined on by the Directors.

So soon as a sufficient portion of the profits of the Company shall have been set aside to form a moderate Reserve Fund, the Directors have the discretionary power of returning to the Shareholders a bonus on the amount of Freight and Passage Money contributed by them, and the balance of profit will be annually divided between the Shareholders generally.

Until new Steamers are obtained from Europe, the Company will probably charter one or two vessels.

The object of the Company is steam navigation between the Straits and China, and on the Coast of China generally, but chiefly to run Steamers between
PENANG, SINGAPORE, SAIGON, HONGKONG, SWATOW, and AMOY, in connection with the North China Steamer Company, for
FOOCHOW, NINGPO, SHANGHAI, YANGTSZE PORTS, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, and NEWCHWANG.

A number of the most influential Chinese and other merchants and traders in the Straits have already subscribed for Shares in the Company, and the Directors have little doubt that they will be able to secure and retain the bulk of the freight and passage traffic between the Straits and Amoy, the termini of the Company's Main line.

Messrs. John Burd & Co. will act as General Agents for the first five years of the Company's operations.

Applications for the remaining $390,000 of Capital will be received at the Office of the General Agents until the 31st day of March, 1870.

Applications for Shares must be in the form annexed, and be forwarded under cover to the General Agents, from whom forms of application can be obtained.

An application for Shares, followed by an allotment, will constitute the applicant a Shareholder in the Company, under the terms of the Company's Articles of Association.

Hongkong, February 3rd, 1870.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Directors of
THE CHINA AND STRAITS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,—I request you to allot to me Shares of $100 each in the above Company; and I agree to accept that or any less number that may be allotted to me, and to pay the calls thereon; and I authorize you to place my name on the Register of Shareholders for the Shares allotted.

Usual Signature ....
Name in full ....
Address in full ....
Date ....

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THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, 1,500,000 TAELS SHANGHAI SYCEE, IN 3,000 SHARES OF 500 TAELS EACH.
Paid up Capital, TLS. 300,000, OR TLS. 100 PER SHARE.

Court of Directors:—
F. A. GROOM, Esq., of Messrs. Glover, Dow & Co.
W. JACKSON, Esq., Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China.
R. W. LITTLE, Esq., of Messrs Little & Co.
T. PROBST, Esq., of Messrs Wm. Pustau & Co.
J. B. ROBERTSON, Esq., of Messrs Bull, Purdon & Co.
J. P. H. TRAUTMANN, Esq., of Messrs Trautmann & Co.

Head Office, Shanghai.
Secretaries, pro tem., TRAUTMANN & Co.

Counsel to the Company,
N. J. HANNEN, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

London:
COMMITTEE OF THREE DIRECTORS.
Agents, Messrs. ROBT. BENSON & Co.

Agents:—
In Hongkong ... Messrs. WM. PUSTAU & Co.
„ Hankow .... F. MAJOR, Esq.
„ Foochow ...... Messrs. JOHN FORSTER & Co.
„ Yokohama .... „ ASPINALL, CORNES & Co.
„ Singapore .... „ HARRISON, SMITH & Co.

THE Company will commence business in January next, or as soon after as the Directors shall have been enabled to allot the Shares.

The Company will be a permanent one.

The Net Profits will be divided every year as follows: 30 per cent will be returned as Bonus to all Contributors of business, rateably in proportion to the amount of Net Premia contributed. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital will be paid to the Shareholders, and the Balance of the Net Profits carried to the Reserve Fund.

When the Reserve Fund shall have reached Tls. 300,000, the Net Profits will be divided as follows: 30 per cent. to all Contributors of Business; 20 per cent. to the Reserve Fund; and 50 per cent. to the Shareholders.

When the Reserve Fund shall have reached Tls. 500,000, the Net Profits will then be divided as follows: 30 per cent to all Contributors of Business; and 70 per cent to the Shareholders.

The Funds will be in the hands of the Directors both at Shanghai and London, and also at such places where the business proves large enough to warrant a Committee of Directors.

Messrs TRAUTMANN & Co. will officiate as Secretaries till 31st December, 1870, by which time the necessary arrangements will be completed for securing the services of a qualified Secretary from England.

For Forms of Application for Shares, and Copies of the Deed of Settlement, apply to the undersigned.
TRAUTMANN & Co.,
Secretaries, pro tem.
2251 Shanghai, 23rd November, 1869.

L. FRICKEL & Co.,
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS, AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
6]1221 QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. [Ag]

NOTICE.

MESSRS. MICHELL, BARNARD & Co., of Manila, have been appointed Agents for Manila for the *Daily Press*, *Chinese Issue of Daily Press*, *Overland Trade Report*, *Straits Times Extra*, and all other publications issued from this Office, and residents in Manila will please make application to them.

Intimations.

The Chronicle and Directory for 1870.

NOW READY.

THE Edition for 1870 is now ready for Delivery.

As already announced, the Directory is published in Two Forms, Complete at $5, or with the Lists of Residents and Port Directories only, at $3.

Copies may be obtained at the *Daily Press* Office, and of the following Agents:—
Messrs. BROWN & Co., Swatow.
„ WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Amoy.
„ BEDGE & Co., Foochow.
„ LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
„ KELLY & Co., do.
„ WACHTELS, GROOS & Co., Japan.
Mr. L. P. FISHER, Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco.

The delivery of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Thursday morning at 10.05, and the last messengers left the office at 10.27.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 25TH, 1870.

HONGKONG seems likely to be favoured by degrees with a new and valuable edition of "Russell on Crimes," to judge from a decision given by the Junior Magistrate yesterday, with reference to a case where the Proprietor of the Oriental Billiard Saloon boxed the ears of a marker and three coolies for lighting, and allowing to continue lighted, a fire, which endangered the property. The servants had been repeatedly told not to do so; but, notwithstanding this, with the selfish obstinacy that the Chinese always display in such matters, the fire had been again lighted, and the defendant pleaded the provocation so occasioned as an excuse for having administered a little wholesome correction. The Magistrate was sensible of the force of the defence, and dismissed the Summons so far as the individual man who had ordered the fire to be lighted was concerned; but the effort to arrive at a sound conclusion so far, appears to have been too much for him; and with respect to the other men concerned, he fined defendant $2 for each case. Now, it might surely be reasonably concluded that their wilfully allowing the fire to continue lighted, and taking no steps either to have it put out, or inform their master of its being there, was as great a provocation as the offence of the man who actually caused the fire to be lighted. According to the view taken, all that a Chinaman discovered in an act of disobedience has to do, is to say that another man told him to do it. It is to be regretted that the defendant took the matter into his own hand; but, certainly, if he had not done so, it is difficult to see that the whole of the Chinamen who knowingly allowed a dangerous fire to continue lighted, ought not to have been severely punished, and if the provocation was defence in the one case, it was surely equally so in the others.

As has been frequently urged upon the attention of the authorities, the point at which the police service is chiefly at fault, is the absence of anything deserving the name of a detective service. A police, without detectives, is about as serviceable an institution as an inspector without eyes. It is simply and utterly in the dark as to what is going on; and those who know anything of the Chinese, will easily comprehend that, where there are no competent Europeans to check them, their services as detectives or informers are far worse than useless. The last thing that a Chinaman engaged as a runner, detective, or informer, thinks of, is simply and conscientiously performing his duty to his employers. His first instinct is to tack between both sides; and, unless narrowly looked after, he infallibly ends in becoming the aider and abettor of the criminals instead of the police. Besides this, the absence of a properly organised detective service makes the Government dependent upon sources of information which must necessarily be not of a sufficiently reliable nature, and leave the door open for amateur police or protectionist organisations, such as are directly designed to thwart the action of the police, under whatever plausible aspects they may appear. It may be considered a somewhat lamentable evidence of weakness, that in cases such as the HOLWORTHY murder, and the Sowkewan attack, the Government should find it necessary to have recourse to private informers, and, after all fail in discovering the criminals. In plain fact, it is no exaggeration to say that the Government in reality do not know what is going on; and that being once discovered to be the case, it is certain that the information which the Chinese will give will be such as tends to screen offenders in place of bringing them to justice; and it is equally certain that all the efforts of the police must be thoroughly useless while they continue dependent upon intelligence, which a very little reflection must show to be more than doubtful.

AN able article recently appeared in one of our Japan contemporaries, upon a matter which has long been a stock subject for disquisition; but which, it seems, all the discussion in the world will fail in putting upon a proper basis. It is the peculiar rule which exists in China and Japan upon the subject of calls and calling. By virtue of some ancient custom, that has been in existence for a time beyond which the memory of man extendeth not, it is considered correct for people to call upon ladies entirely of their own motion. To anyone influenced by home ideas, the first conclusion that naturally arises to on the subject is, that this provision is certainly of a very liberal nature. The new arrival in Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama, or any other port in these parts has, so to say, all the world before him. He can at once get into his chair and proceed to inflict himself upon any or all of the lady residents without further ceremony. He need not, for a single moment, stop to consider whether it is within the bounds of possibility that he is not particularly wanted, or whether, at the best, his advent will be a pure matter of indifference to those whom he favours. He may present himself in the full consciousness that he is but availing himself of a privilege that is the birth right, or rather the arrival right, of all in this part of the world, that if his call is looked upon as a bore, it will be considerately excused as being among the things "inevitable," and that the utmost danger he incurs is that of having no notice taken of his intrusion. Happy the individual who is not held back by over modesty from making the plunge. He goes the whole round; is ignored by one half the people he calls upon; but he has the satisfaction of finding his attentions reciprocated by the remaining half; and if he is a sensible man, will of course make a debit and credit account of the courtesies *versus* the snubs, and may perhaps think himself fortunate if he find them pretty evenly balanced.

It must be owned that, upon the whole, an amount of friendliness is shown in China that is perhaps unequalled in any other part of the world; but, on the other hand, it cannot be denied that the calls which are made, under and by virtue of, the prescriptive right above named, are treated in a manner such as is not likely to be gratifying to people who, to use a popular phrase, are not blessed with somewhat thick skins. There is no doubt nothing so objectionable, whether it appear in a religious or a social form, as the "pride which apes humility." Over modesty is the surest evidence of conceit, as it proves that a man considers that Society at large attaches a vast amount more importance to his acts than they can possibly be deemed to deserve. But, if the matter is looked upon in a fair and reasonable light, that surely cannot be considered a false modesty which prevents a man from calling at a lady's house, unless he is quite certain, at the very least, that his call will not be unwelcome; and anyone who goes about with his eyes and ears open in Hongkong, must very soon become convinced that it is nothing but this very commendable feeling that prevents a large number from so doing. Nobody of delicate feelings will run the risk of a single snub, in return for any amount of social consideration. He would rather snap his fingers at the one than run the slightest risk of the other. Hence it results from the present system that pushing and self-sufficient men, who have no intention of foregoing the slightest social opportunity which accident may throw in their way, have the advantage over those, who being of more retiring dispositions, do not care to thrust themselves forward where they may not be wanted. Conceit rushes in where Modesty fears to tread. The next result of the peculiar system in force is, that the fair sex, in these parts can scarcely call their lives their own. It is clearly unreasonable to expect that a lady is to be at all times ready, and not only ready, but delighted, to receive the whole community. But such is the *reductio ad absurdum* of which the rule in force is susceptible. It is not very much to be wondered at that it is found convenient to ignore a portion of the callers. It would in fact be impossible to do otherwise, unless some contrivance were discovered for making more than twenty-four hours in a day; and this consideration alone ought to be sufficient to show that the system is altogether wrong. But there is a further very undesirable result, on which our Japan contemporary very sensibly commented. Those who hesitate to call, have every motive attributed to them, except the most obvious and simple one, of not desiring to intrude. They are either set down as lacking in knowledge of the ordinary *convenances* of society, as proud, supercilious, or fast men, in fact as being actuated by any other feeling in the world than the simple one which really influences them; and, as this is very quickly discovered, an unlucky kind of split is produced in society, which combined with other equally meretricious elements, ends in its being split up into a variety of little cliques, each possessing a mutual admiration for themselves only equalled by their contempt for all others.

Much more might be said upon the system of calling, which it is certain all are agreed is in a great measure a mistake; but it is perhaps difficult to discover how to break through an old custom. One very simple plan might be adopted, and that is the French fashion of sending a card in return for a call, where it is impossible, as must necessary be the case in many instances, for the unlucky husband of the lady called upon, to make his appearance personally. In this way, the matter would be put upon a simple basis, as people would know that their calls would at all events not be any particular tax. Perhaps by degrees the same plan might be adopted on the other side, and now arrivals, as used to be the custom with newly married people, might send their cards instead of themselves going round; while finally, the last stage of progress might be attained and, this also being dropped, the matter might come round to the very simple basis adopted at home, where some faint symptoms of advance on both sides are considered a necessary prelude to acquaintanceship.

It is announced that, weather permitting, blank cartridge will be fired on the Garrison Parade Ground, at 5 P.M. this day.

A Chinese Inspector of Customs has for some time been going about visiting the different customs' stations in the neighbourhood of Canton and this Colony. It may perhaps be well to ascertain whether this indicates further exactions by Revenue Cruisers.

A meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company was held yesterday, for the purpose of formally confirming the special resolution passed at the meeting of the 10th instant. The chairman, the Hon. W. Keswick, briefly proposed the confirmation of the resolution, which was seconded by G. F. Heard, Esq., and carried unanimously.

A petition having been sent in to the Governor, praying that the sentence passed on the man Williams,—convicted on Saturday last, of assault—be modified, His Excellency was yesterday pleased to commute the sentence to a fine of $50, in lieu of the term of imprisonment, so that on payment of that sum, and the $25 fine, he was released, having obtained the sureties required for his future conduct good towards the complainant.

The Band of H.M.S. *Ocean* will play in the Public Gardens to-morrow, the 26th instant, at 5 P.M., instead of to-day, as heretofore.

Mazurka	*Gertrude*	Heinsdorff.
Quadrilles	*Royal Alfred*	Godfrey.
Selection	*Orphée aux Enfers*	Offenbach.
Valse	*Fairy Palace*	Levey.
Selection	*I Lombardi*	Verdi.
Galop	*Jougleur*	Zikoff.
God Save the Queen		Bull.

SINGULAR RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—As a luggage train was proceeding from Sheffield to Manchester, one of the trucks, when the train was approaching Broadbottom Station, broke in two under the weight of a load of railway metals. Several of the trucks behind were in consequence hurled down a steep embankment. A man named George Robinson, who was employed in emptying a coal truck, was knocked into the valley and his waggon fell upon him. When liberated, after about twenty minutes, it was found that his arm was broken and both his legs seriously injured. The guard of the train and a constable, who went to his assistance, were also hurt.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

BEFORE JAMES RUSSELL, Esq.
March 24th.

A PAIR OF GAOL BIRDS.

Wong-a-chow, of Tsong-koon, a coolie, was sent to gaol for one month with hard labour, as a rogue and a vagabond, and Tang-a-foong, of Sunon, a fishmonger, was fined $1, or three days' imprisonment, after the following evidence had been given against them. C.P.C. No. 40 stated that on the Praya West he saw a number of people collected, and the two defendants were fighting. They had sticks, and the second defendant had said that the first defendant had cheated him out of a dollar.

Inspector Cradock stated that he knew the defendant as a street-gambler, who had been in gaol before. The second defendant had confessed to him that they had been gambling, and that the first had cheated him out of a dollar. He had just heard them say in the dock that one of them was to be a fishmonger. First defendant was ordered in August last to find security for one month, having been then charged with attempting to pick a pocket.

First defendant stated that he had been employed by the second defendant to carry fish, and he was to receive 50 cash, but he had only offered him 10 cash, and so he was very angry. Second defendant stated that he had employed him, and wanted to pay him a few cash less than he should have done.

THE TABLES TURNED.

Lee-a-see, a licensed boatman, No. 1,463, summoned Captain Morris, of H.M. 75th Regiment, for having unlawfully refused to pay him the hire of his boat on the 21st March. According to complainant's statement, defendant had engaged his boat from the Government Wharf at about 7.30 p.m. to go off to H.M.S. *Ocean*, where he had waited for his employer until 11 o'clock, and then brought him on shore. Captain Morris stated that complainant had not waited for him, but that at 11 p.m. when he had called him, complainant was absent, and he was in consequence obliged to employ another boat. On the 28th instant complainant had called at his quarters, and asked for payment, and witness had offered him 10 cents for taking him on board. Complainant had followed him about the town, using very abusive language, and calling him a "thief." This portion of defendant's evidence was strongly corroborated by his servants, two China boys. The case was dismissed as against Captain Morris, and complainant was fined $5 for giving wilful false testimony, and using insulting language as a boatman, in default, fourteen days' imprisonment.

ROBBERY OF SAPANWOOD.

Mr. Charles John Benson, master of the British barque *Southern Belle*, deposed that he saw a quantity of Sapanwood passed out of the Spanish brigantine *Appari*, about noon on the 23rd instant, into the boat of Chun-a-fook, and that he pulled along and took charge of prisoner, and handed him over to the mate; there were two pieces of Sapanwood in the boat. Defendant, who claimed to have picked the wood out of the water, was sentenced to three months with hard labour.

THE TREES AGAIN.

To-a-kwan, of Numboi, a coolie, aged 26, was sentenced to be whipped with a rattan at Woong-nei-chong, to receive 25 strokes, and to be placarded with a statement of his offence, having been convicted upon the evidence of P.C. 339, of cutting and wounding young trees with a knife, growing near the Seamen's Hospital.

BURNING WITH WRATH.

Mr. J. B. Holland, proprietor of the Oriental Hotel and Bowling Alleys, in Wellington-street, was summoned by Chun-moi, one of his billiard markers, and three of his house coolies, for having unlawfully beaten and assaulted them. According to the evidence elicited from these servants, and the statement of Mr. Holland in defence, the billiard marker had made and lighted a fire in an improper place, whereby the greatest risk of burning down the premises was incurred. The coolies insisted that they had not been warned that a fire was never on any pretence to be permitted to be made in the place mentioned, while defendant asserted that he had spoken so often on the subject of lighting fires, that no one could plead ignorance. Defendant stated that he had boxed the ears of each of the complainants, under the strong provocation of finding his whole property endangered by what, when his attention was drawn to the fire, he considered a wanton disobedience, as each and every one had been cautioned as to lighting a fire in the place. Summons dismissed as far as the assault on first complainant, who had ordered the fire in question to be lighted, but defendant fined in each of the other three cases $2, or $6 in all.

Drunks, cases of "no pass," hawking without a license, and street brawling by coolies, concluded the morning catalogue.

SUPREME COURT.

NISI PRIUS.

BEFORE CHIEF-JUSTICE SMALE, AND A COMMON JURY.

Cheung see and another v. A-chan and others.

Mr. Whyte, instructed by Mr. Sharp, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Hayllar, instructed by Mr. Hazeland, for the defendants.

This was a case in which the plaintiffs, Cheung-see and the assignee of his partner's estate, sued on two building-contracts for the sum of $3,662.95. The first contract was for work connected with the dock at Whampoa, and was for a sum of $13,395.75, but payment had been received of $11,483.30, so that on this contract the plaintiffs sued for $1,912.45. The second was for $4,235.50, and $2,485 had been paid, leaving a balance of $1,750.50 on the second contract. The first contract was made in duplicate, one being given to the plaintiff and his partner, the other to the defendant, Tsoh-wing-yun. The work was finished, but as there was more to be done, the first plaintiff wished to have the extra work inserted in the contract. This Wing-yun objected to, saying that a new contract must be made out according to foreign custom. The new contract was made and signed, and the old one was given up to the defendant, Tsoh-wing-yun. Mr. Whyte said he had given notice to the other side to produce it, but they had produced only the part of the old contract originally given to the defendant, and signed by the first plaintiff and his partner. The case was in progress, and a witness in course of examination, when a remark from Mr. Hayllar explained the whole question at issue. The new contract was made, he admitted, for extra work, but it covered and included the work done under the old one, and now the plaintiffs wished to recover under the old one in addition to the full payment which they had received under the new.

His Lordship suggested that he and the learned gentlemen should retire to discuss the question, and on their return it was announced by Mr. Whyte that they had agreed to refer the matter to arbitration.

His Lordship congratulated the jury on their escape from a week's work, and a juror was withdrawn by the plaintiffs.

The jury consisted of Messrs. S. Fischer, D. S. Marques, O. Armstrong, A. F. Chambers, F. L. Pinsa, W. Wilson, and H. Simonis.

CURE FOR SNAKE BITES.

Two instances are recorded in the Australian papers of the successful treatment of snake bites by the injection of ammonia as recommended by Professor Halford. In the first case, which occurred at M'Callum's Creek, an hour and a half elapsed before the application of the remedy, but by perseverance and attention the patient was restored to consciousness in about fourteen hours, and in thirty-six his recovery was complete. The second case was that of a woman at Tarraville, who was not treated until thirteen or fourteen hours after the bite had been given. All ordinary means of cure had failed, and the woman appeared to be sinking—her pulse was very weak, the surface of her body was cold and clammy, and she was kept awake with great difficulty. A vein in her right arm was then opened, and seven drops of strong liquid ammonia, diluted in a drachm and a half of lukewarm water, were injected by means of a small glass syringe, brandy being also administered. Still the symptoms gradually increased, and the breathing became so low and quick as to be scarcely perceptible. Ammonia was therefore again injected, and in about twenty minutes symptoms of recovery began to appear. After a while the general state of the circulation became more active, the unfavourable symptoms disappeared, and in four hours it was considered safe to let the patient go to sleep. When she awoke she had quite recovered. It might be worth while to try the effect of this remedy in cases of hydrophobia.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

HOW NEGROES MANAGE ALLIGATORS.

"Alligators chaw a feller all up," said a little darkey we engaged to carry our baggage from the boat landing at the boat, to the miserable shanty called by its proprietor a hotel. "Yes, Sam, but it's a sleepy time now for alligators, isn't it?" "Lor bress you, massa, you must have cum from de Norf, suah, to tink de alligator sleeps. Da you see dat ar great whirlum pool, whar de riber is swinging dem trees and logs, and sich, around and around? Well, de Federal sojers used to go in dar to wash um, and de black alligators first boosted dem rite under water without winkin at 'em. But dose sogers didn't know how to manage um." "How do you manage one, Sam?" asked we. "Why, I do just as de cullud folks do down on old Wetherby's plantashun. I'de cotch him by de tip of his tail, and jist made him skull me ashore. Der ye see? When a pusson ob culler gets an alligator arter him, he jist cotches him by de tail, turps it kind a sidewise so, and de old feller gets mighty mad dough, but he can't bite de feller what is steerin' him. An' he has to git in what direction the steerer says. White folks come down here from up Norf, and de alligators jist eat 'em widout stoppin'. But a pusson ob culler, he jist takes de alligators by de tail and telles um, Mr. Alligator, dis nigger wants to cross de riber, lend me yer tail, and away goes any pusson ob culler to de plantashun. If the alligator 'spressed his 'pinion, I spec he'd say, de person ob culler was takin' liberties wid de tail de Lord made 'spressly for de alligator. But de alligators were made afore steamboats nohow."

LOOSE DRESSES.

The following is clipped from *Laws of Life*: "Very few ladies know how to appreciate an easy healthful dress. They think their dresses are loose, when a man or boy put into one of them would gasp for breath, and feel incapable of putting forth any effort except to break the bands. Ladies are so accustomed to the tight fits of dressmakers that they 'fall all to pieces' when relieved of them. They associate the loose dress with the bed or lounge. To be up, they must be stayed up, and to recommend a comfortable dress to them is not to meet a conscious want of theirs. It is a great pity none the less. If they could once know what a luxury it is to breathe deep and full at each respiration, to feel the refreshment which the system takes on by having the blood enlivened and sent bounding through the arteries and veins, to have the aids to digestion which such process gives, to have their own strong, elastic muscles keep every organ in place and themselves erect; if they could for a good while know this blessed luxury, and then be sent back into the old, stiff, straight-jackets, they would fume, and fret, and rave in very desperation if they could not get rid of them. As it is, they prefer to languish and suffer dreadfully, and die young, and leave all of their friends, and their husbands, and their little children, and I do not see any other way but to let them be sick and die till they are satisfied. If only the sinner was the sufferer it would not be worth while to make a great ado about it, but the blighting of future innocent lives which must follow, renders the false habits of our women in the highest degree criminal."

CORPORATION GLUTTONY.
(*Pall Mall Gazette*, Jan. 2nd.)

We are in England so accustomed to the gluttony of corporations and other public bodies, that we should be afraid something was going wrong with them if when opportunity offered they acted otherwise than as swine. In Scotland they have apparently yet to learn that corporate bodies require sustenance in proportion to the importance they attach to their own position, and a most painful scene took place the other day, at a meeting of the Stirling Town Council, owing to Councillor Thomson accusing twelve of his colleagues of having drunk four bottles of whisky, several bottles of wine, and an unnamed quantity of ale between the services, on the occasion of the Provost and councillors officially attending church. Bailie Millar denied the soft impeachment. Bailie Eadon admitted it, wisely observing that he would not, like Bailie Millar, aver that he had not tasted, for no one would believe him if he did. Vain attempts were made to close the mouth of Councillor Thomson, and the councillors rose, gathered their robes around them, and with one accord fled from the room, leaving, that gentleman speaking, and, for aught we know, he may be speaking still. Certainly, when we consider the solemnity of the occasion, the amount of liquor consumed by the councillors was not more than would have been consumed by our own local "authorities" under similar circumstances; but form staid and sober people like the Scotch the refreshment taken appears somewhat large, more especially when we reflect that it was taken between two services, and the state of the councillors at those services could hardly have been such as would be favourable to attention. Still, Caledonia must not be too stern and wild with her poetic children. We nurse our vestrymen very tenderly here when they get into a beastly state of intoxication. A year or two ago we nearly lost some of them at their famous orgie at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station—neighbouring doctors had to be called in to attend the insensible, and the police to prevent those who were violent from injuring each other.

THE CONDITION OF CHINA.
(*Alta California.*)

The Empire of China has a great and increasing interest. An industrious and orderly population of 400,000,000 people under one Government, make up too large a proportion of our race, and possess too large a share of the wealth of the world to be regarded with indifference from either a philosophic or a commercial standpoint. To us of California, they are the more interesting, because we are the nearest enlightened community, and we may reasonably hope to obtain control, in time, of a large part of their trade, which, great as it is, it now only in its infancy. The supply of the precious metals in Eastern Asia has always been small, relatively; and wages have been low, and the masses of the people have lived in a manner that Americans consider one of great toil and privation, yet they seem to be contented and jovial in disposition. But poor as they are in money, they are rich in labor.

Unfortunately gross national prejudices prevail among them. They have been taught to believe themselves a superior race. These prejudices are based on vague ideas of the vices of European society, many of which are abhorrent to the Chinese. The insolence, drunkenness, profanity and readiness to resort to violence, common among European sailors, are rare or unknown among the lowest classes of Celestials. The spirit of persecution and the disposition to set up a foreign authority against that of the Emperor, are extremely offensive. When the Chinese refused to admit opium, the British made war on them to compel them to admit it, and the Celestials considered these hostilities as grossly unjust. They have heard that the same nations which insisted with large navies on the opening of the ports of the Mongolian Empires have permitted the Chinese who have migrated to their territories to be systematically abused, mobbed and robbed, and have inflicted no sufficient punishment on the evil-doers. These facts are enough to excite dislike.

They lively happily when they had no foreign trade, and they are not certain that a change will be beneficial. But it has been made; the ports have been thrown open and they cannot now be closed. The leading men are convinced that foreign trade and foreign influence must increase. The superiority of the Europeans in the mechanic arts is unquestionable. The steamboats, the railroad, the telegraph, the steam spinner, the steam loom, the sewing machine, and the steam press must replace the present slow methods of working. Mines must be opened; coal and iron must rise in importance; the people must learn new modes of working, and adapt themselves to new conditions of society.

The empire is now open in every part to foreigners, and we shall soon have books about peasant life at the head waters of the Hoang-ho and the Yang-tze, and on the border of Thibet, and the adventures of travellers in journeys through the remotest corners of Yunan and Kangsuh. The popular prejudices are giving way as the people learn more of the convenience of European customs and the advantages of European inventions. The new treaty with Great Britain provides for the adoption of a commercial code, and authorizes the appointment of Chinese Consuls in British ports. An Embassy has already been sent to negotiate with the leading Christian Powers; the first treaty has been ratified, and a multitude of circumstances indicate that the Government is growing more liberal every year. At present the rulers at Pekin are far more liberal than the people, and would grant many more privileges to foreigners than they possess if it were not for the fear of offending popular prejudice, and this leading to disturbances of the peace.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS.
(*Alta*, Jan. 1.)

Are not these Women's Rights people rather pushing things? Here comes Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, in a Women's Rights Convention, and pitches into Senator Sumner's position on the Cuban question, and makes "a stirring appeal" in behalf of the revolutionists of the Ever Faithful Isle. Why is it almost inevitable that when the women begin to make speeches they begin to scold? Is there not in this fact some dreadful suggestion as to the proclivity of the sex, especially of that "improved order of men" which Mrs. Julia Ward Howe represents? One would suppose that the Cuban question and the Cretan question, and that of revolutions generally, would be impertinent in a Women's Rights Convention, except so far as the dear women consider themselves as sweet revolutionists. But if Mrs. Julia Ward Howe has really been "going for" Senator Sumner, it is not so much because she is enlisted in the Cuban interest as because she is "going for" men in the abstract, as statesmen, politicians and Senators. The manifest tendency of the female champions of female rights is to go for each other's scalps, and the masculine scalp will not be safe wherever that tendency is corrected.

ABSURDITIES.
(*From the Cincinnati Times, January 7th.*)

We were thinking of the absurdity of many of the comparisons and figures found in song. For instance:

"Oh, I feel just as happy as a big sunflower
That bends and blows in the breezes."

Now, about how happy is a big sunflower? What evidence is there to show that the life of a big sunflower is not one of supreme wretchedness and woe? Admitting that happiness is not inconsistent with the career of a sunflower, is a big sunflower any more happy than a little one? We think not. As far as our own observations extend the big sunflowers look much the more *seedy* of the two, and seediness is not usually associated with the serenest joy.

We are told that this big sunflower—emblem of perfect and unalloyed bliss—"bends and blows in the breezes." If it is so very happy what's the use of *blowing* about it?

"And my heart's just as light as the winds that blow
And scatter the leaves of the treeses."

There it is again; if any thing is happy it must needs *blow*. We are a little suspicious of happiness that requires to be trumpeted in this manner.

"Come where my love lies dreaming."

A. Ward used to say he wouldn't go—he didn't think it would be right. He evidently misapprehended the writer's meaning. We can feel nothing but the utmost aversion for one who *lies* dreaming. What credit could she have for veracity in her waking hours?

Even Byron could write some absurd things. For instance, his famous lines to Thomas Moore:

"My boat is on the shore,
And my bark is on the sea."

Of what use is a boat on the shore, unless it's a stone boat? Queer way to announce that he had a bad cough by saying "my *bark* is on the sea." Why didn't he stay at home and bark it out on dry land?

"Roll on, silver moon, guide the traveller on his way,
While the nightingale's song is in tune."

If the nightingale's song was out of tune, what then? Would the moon be justified to roll on, leaving the confiding traveller to continue on his way with a lantern? No conscientious or reasonable moon would be guilty of such a thing.

"For never, never more with my true love I'll stray
By the sweet silver light of the moon."

This is a plain intimation that he has no further use for moonlight nights, and intends in the future to walk his girl in the dark. As they had evidently "strayed" in the moonlight, perhaps they had better try daylight for their rambles.

As a specimen of happy comparisons, we append the following in conclusion:

"My love is a rhinoceros,
A hump-backed camomile;
She's a gyasticutus,
A kangro-crocodile."

A CHINA ASSOCIATION.

When the formation was advocated, here, of a "China Association," through which the interests of Foreign Residents might find expression at home, one objection urged was, that the active co-operation of the English Houses interested in the trade could not be secured, and that the movement would, therefore, be futile. The minutes which we publish of a meeting held at the offices of Messrs. Matheson & Co., show that this apprehension was unfounded, and excite fresh regret that a measure which promised such good results should have fallen through. There is great truth in the old saying that Hercules helps those who help themselves; and the erroneous impressions now prevalent at home, in regard to China and to the political situation here, can hardly be dispelled without an effort. It seems that we are to be indebted, for this effort, to the very men whose probable inactivity was pleaded in Shanghai as an excuse for inaction. For we hope that the influential Committee which has now been organized in London, will not confine their efforts to mere opposition to the clauses of the new treaty which their resolutions condemn, but will expand their argument to embrace a protest against the mistaken tenor of Lord Clarendon's whole China policy. The plea on which this policy was inaugurated, was that the Chinese were anxious to foster trade, to extend intercourse, and to admit foreign appliances,—in short to "progress," in the sense in which the word has come to be applied to the China question. Experience has disproved this assumption; and the disapproval expressed, by the third resolution, of the treaty which is a measure of Chinese goodwill, implies a censure on the policy of which that treaty is a result. Much difference of opinion may exist as to the express merit of individual provisions. The scheme for giving effect to the transit due arrangement—first inserted in the treaty of Nanking, but which has been nullified by Chinese bad faith—may or not prove effectual; but even if it do, we shall simply be where it was intended we should be, in 1842. There can be no doubt the framers of that treaty meant, to facilitate the ingress of foreign manufactures into the interior, in whose possession soever they might be; not merely to secure, for foreign merchants, the privilege of peddling their own goods inland, if they desired. Whether, therefore, the view of the meeting be correct or not, whether the result of the change in mode of collection made by the new treaty, be really to ensure the free ingress of foreign goods, on payment of 2½ per cent., or whether it be simply to add 50 per cent. to the present charge—there is certainly no "progress" in the change. Whatever concessions there may be, must be looked for elsewhere; and we have often before shown how trifling these are—while admitting that Sir Rutherford Alcock could hardly have been expected to gain more under the present régime. It is to repeat a thrice told tale, to show how untenable and how selfish are the arguments of the mandarins against free intercourse, how certainly the brief interference with individual interests which railways might effect, would be remedied, as at home, by the increase of general prosperity, and the opening up of other channels for industry; how willingly the commercial and labouring classes of China would welcome foreign intercourse, but how both these movements are opposed by the official and literate class, whose law is self-interest. We have often explained how mandarins dread rapid communication as incompatible with barriers, squeezes, and free intercourse as shedding light on their own corruption. We may hope that the men who were present at Messrs. Matheson and Co.'s; have had these facts impressed on them by their China correspondents, and that they will be prepared to advance them as reasons why the new treaty shows so little real gain, and why firm insistance is needed, to induce the Chinese Government to yield more. Great as the advantage has been to England, of the large commerce to which our intercourse with China has given rise, equally great has been the advantage to China, in large markets opened up for her silk and tea. It needs only that communications should be improved, and the burdens on commercial intercourse lightened, for these advantages to be indefinitely extended. And knowing as we do, by our own experience, how greatly free trade and good communications increase a nation's prosperity, we ought not to feel compunction at pressing them on the Chinese. If the latter would have progressed of their own motion, as the Japanese are doing, it would, of course, have been preferable; but they will not. History forbids the expectation, and present experience shows the lesson of history to be true.—*S. C. & C. Gazette.*

ALMOST A REAL TRAGEDY ON THE STAGE.

Herr Bandmann, the tragedian, seems to be creating quite a sensation at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne; indeed, his representations, by the account given in the Melbourne *Argus*, appeared to be of such a life-like character that they must be almost too exciting to be quite pleasant at times. It is stated that during one of the representations of "Othello," in the last scene of the tragedy, where Iago stabs Emilia, Herr Bandmann (plying the character of Iago) made the thrust as usual, when Mrs. Steele, who was acting the part of Emilia, fell to the ground uttering piercing shrieks, which for a moment were mistaken by the audience for part of the business of the scene; but it was immediately obvious that her cries were the expression of terrible pain. In fact Herr Bandmann had stabbed her in the lower part of the back. The curtain was immediately lowered, amid great excitement. A surgeon who was in the house hastened on to the stage, and prompt attention was paid to the sufferer, and in about an hour she was able to be removed to her home. When it was ascertained that the wound was not dangerous, the welcome fact was announced to the audience, who received it with unbounded delight. It seems that Herr Bandmann's sword became in some unusual manner entangled in the thick folds of Mrs. Steele's velvet dress, and that, as she stood somewhat obliquely at the time, the sword, instead of passing across her back, penetrated through the dress and pierced the flesh. The latest accounts state that Mrs. Steele is progressing favorably, but that Herr Bandmann himself has suffered great mental distress, which it is to be hoped will have the effect of making him a little more careful in future.

A MAN MURDERED BY HIS WIFE.

Shaw, a gate-keeper on the railway at Norbury Hollow, near Stockport, who lived unhappy with his wife, quarrelled with her recently, loaded his gun, and threatened to shoot her. Shortly before the passage of the Manchester and Buxton train, due about half-past eight, Shaw took his lamp and went to make the necessary arrangements for the passage of the train. He appeared at the outside of the window, and the disagreement was still kept up by threats and menaces on both sides. As he was returning into the house she shot him dead. At the inquest, Amelia Barlow, wife of a blacksmith, gave the following evidence:—The prisoner called at her house at ten minutes to nine on the night in question, and said, "Mrs. Barlow, our Dan has been 'lacing' me, and I have killed him." Witness ran out and told her husband. The all three went, and found the deceased about three yards from the cottage door, lying on the side of the rails. Her husband spoke to the deceased, but he did not answer. They carried deceased in. Witness saw a gun lying on the ground opposite the door. A surgeon arrived in about half an hour. Deceased was quite dead. Witness said to the prisoner, "What have you done; where have you shot him?" Prisoner touched the gun, and said, "I fired the gun, not thinking to hurt him. I shot through the door, but did not think he was behind. I thought to frighten him, but not to hurt him." Prisoner seemed very much distressed. She said that after shooting him he said, "She has done it now," and that on going out to meet the train he said he "would give it her" when he returned, and would like to blow her brains out. She had never thought of the gun till then. Prisoner put her arms round deceased's neck, and said, "Dan, God have mercy on your soul." She then ran up the line, but returned soon after, and made no other attempt at escape. The jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder."—*Albion.*

A SINGULAR ROBBERY IN NEW YORK.
(*New York Times, Dec. 22nd.*)

On Monday night a young man, named Richard B. Kelly, arrived in New York from New Concord, Kentucky. He was *en route* to Poughkeepsie, to attend Eastman College. He came *via* the Pan Handle route. On reaching Jersey City he took from his boot-leg the sum of $230 and placed it in his pantaloons pocket. The money was in a wallet. After getting on board of the ferry boat he inquired about his baggage, and was told that it would reach the opposite shore as soon as he did. After reaching New York, he inquired how he was to reach Thirtieth-street Hudson River Railroad Depot. A man stopped him and said, "I am going around there and will take you." This man had a coach. He said, "Give me your check and get into the coach. I will bring your baggage in a few moments," and left. He returned in a short time and said, "Your baggage will be on the next train." This was after dark. Some one then called the man away, and he got upon the box and drove a short distance and stopped. Then another man came to the coach and said to the student, "Come, I'm going to the Hudson River Depot." The student got out and entered the second coach. After being in it a moment the driver went off and got another man, and when the two reached the coach, the driver said, "Here's another man going to the same place you are; just remain here till I get your valises." The stranger entered the coach and seated himself by the side of the student, saying soon after, "I am getting cold; let us go to the fire and stay till the driver comes back." The student objected, and they sat still again. Finally, the stranger said, "I must go to the fire," and got out. Soon after he was gone the student missed his wallet and money. After waiting a little while longer the driver came up, when the Kentuckian informed him that his pocket-book was gone. The driver said, "Here's your pocket book," (and he handed him the empty wallet); "you have been robbed." He then called for his fare. The student inquired how much, and was told $5. Having $15 or $16 in another pocket, he paid, when the driver got upon the box, and, after driving three blocks, stopped the coach and told the student to get out and take the cars, which he did, and that was the last seen of the driver and coach, the student reaching Poughkeepsie at a late hour, cleaned out. Another student, while *en route* to Washington last Friday night, was robbed of $250 in a sleeping car.

It is thought that the present Iowa Legislature will not be recognized by the Courts as a legal body, there being not a Smith in either House.

"CUTTING THE PAINTER."—The *Pall Mall Gazette* and other English newspapers have recently been urging the abandonment of the colonies by England. There seems a strong disposition here to take these papers at their word. Certainly if the slightest evidence could be afforded that these oracles represented any considerable English opinion on the subject, there would not be a moment's hesitation in "cutting the painter." The following, clipped from the *Leader*, is a fair exposition of the feeling here:—"We venture to say, on behalf of the colony of Victoria, that if England really wishes to get rid of us, she has only to say the word, and we will relieve her from her outer treatment, and perhaps survive the calamity of separation. We have self-respect enough not to wish to intrude where we are not wanted. We only wish to know how far the *Pall Mall Gazette* expresses the sentiments of the English nation on the subject."—*Alta's Melbourne Correspondent.*

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY EVENING.

The drug market continues weak, with more sellers than buyers at the following rates:—New Patna, $522½; New Benares, $500 to $501¼; Old Patna, $542½ to $543¾; Old Benares, $532½, nominal; Malwa, $640 to $642½.

The only noticeable feature in the Piece-goods market is a further rise in the price of 8¼lbs. Grey Shirtings; of these goods 1,000 pieces have been sold at $2.92, and for arrival 2,500 pieces at $2.87½. The following sales are also reported:—Grey Shirtings 7lbs., 1,500 pieces, $2.60; White Shirtings, 1,000 pieces, $3.80; Brocades, 240 pieces, $3.75, and 240 pieces, $3.55; Scarlet Long Ells, 200 pieces, $7.20. The *Tonbridge*, about whose safety there has been some anxiety, has arrived at last, after a passage of 147 days. She brings a large general cargo, a great portion of which had been already sold for arrival.

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old	36 prem.
New	24 prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock	2 dis.
H'kong C'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares	20 cash prem.
Union Insurance Society of Canton	$1,800 to 2,000 prem.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares	$1,600 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares	$210 prem. per s.
Hongkong Hotel Shares	60 to 70 dis.
Victoria Fire	$20 prem.
China Fire	$32½ prem.
China & Japan Marine Insurance	Tls. 7½ prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/5¼ to 4/5½
Credits, at 6 months' sight ..... 4/5½ to 4/5¾
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight 4/6
Bank Bills on demand 4/4
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, 3 days' sight 74¼
Private, 30 days' sight 75
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 223
„ BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 223

SALES ON 24TH MARCH, 1870.
As reported by Chinese.

Grey Shirtings, 8-4lbs., 1,000 pieces, at $2.25, by Gibb, Livingston & Co. to local merchant.
Iron Rod, No. 1 to 6, (slightly damaged) 2 000 bundles, at $2.20, by Ed. Schellhass & Co. to Canton trader.
T-Cloth, 8lbs. 1,000 pieces, at $2.58, by Jardine, Matheson & Co. to a local merchant.
Grey Shirtings, 8-4lbs., 8,000 pieces, at $2.68, by a local merchant by retail.
Red Plain Cloth, 300 pieces, at $2.44, by Kwong Fook Wo to a local trader.
Japan Ginseng, 1 case, at $2.16, by Tung Wo Cheong to a local trader.
Foochow Sugar, 150 bags, at $11.60, by Tung Wo Cheong to foreign merchant.
Yellow Wax, 4 cases, at $55, by Tung Wo Cheong to a trader.
Rattans, 300 piculs, at $4.26, by Hop Hing to Local merchant.
Cuttlefish, 100 cases, at $37.50, by Yoo Wo Cheong to Canton trader.
Sharksfin, 20 bags, at $21, by Tsun Cheong Heng to Canton trader.

Notices of Firms.

MR. C. R. HEERMANN has been authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
CHS. J. GAUPP & Co.
1m 551 Hongkong, 21st March, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. H. FOSTER, Jr., in our firm, ceases this day.
RUSSELL & Co.
2m 518 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKINSHAW was admitted a partner in our Firm on the 1st of January last.
TURNER & Co.
tf 522 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. HUGH SUTHERLAND will sign our firm from this date.
JOHN FORSTER & Co.
1m 482 Foochow, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. SORABJEE DOSSABHOY SUBADAR as our sole authorized partner to establish our firms in Hongkong, Shanghai, and elsewhere in China.
N. KESSOWJEE & Co.
1m 408 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. MOHAMUDBHOY NESSEY to establish our branch firm in Shanghai, and conduct the business thereof.
N. KESSOWJEE & Co.
1m 409 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

NOTICE.
WE have this day established a branch of our House at Hankow.
The business at our Agencies in Tientsin, Kiukiang and Ningpo, will hereafter be conducted in the name of our firm by our recognized Agents in charge.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 182 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as a Ship Broker and Commission Agent.
D. MUNRO.
tf 102 Amoy, January, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM PROBST in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec. 1868, and Mr. OTTO CHRISTIAN BEHN and Mr. JOHANNES F. CORDES are admitted Partners therein from this date.
Mr. F. LANCKEN and Mr. C. W. SIEGFRIED, have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.
W. PUSTAU & Co.
6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. CESAR ERDMANN, has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per Procuration, from this date.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. JOHN FALCONER ROSE has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date until further notice.
H. G. ROBERTSON & Co.
6m 103 Foochow, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
tf 2002 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.
MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. DANA retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 68 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. E. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869.

MR. FRITZ RAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
tf 1166 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

THE CHALLENGE CUP, 1870.

NOW PUBLISHING.

A PHOTOGRAPH from a PAINTING by Mr. J. B. HOLLAND, taken on the spot exhibiting a graphic view of the Course and run in of "*North Australian*," the winner, and respective positions of "*Exeter*" and "*Kuroko*." To be obtained at the "ORIENTAL HOTEL."
tf 383 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE undersigned are prepared to accept risks in the above Company for a *Period of Ten days*, on Merchandize stored in first-class Godowns, at ⅛th of one per cent.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
tf 1636 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

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NOW READY.
THE HOUSEHOLD COMPANION AND STUDENT'S FIRST ASSISTANT.
By Dr. DEVAN, with many Additions, Corrections, and Dr. WILLIAMS' Orthography.
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STEAM TO SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"FORMOSA,"
will leave for the above places at 1 o'clock TO-MORROW, the 26th instant.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 24th March, 1870. [5d 550

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"SUNDA,"
will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 24th March, 1870. [tf 565

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"BOMBAY,"
will leave for the above place about 24 hours after the arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 24th March, 1870. [tf 566

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Capt. Toppin, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 570 Hongkong, 24th March, 1870.

FOR YOKOHAMA.
THE British Steamer
"WILHELMINE EMMA,"
Capt. J. Donaldson, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
tf 535 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

FOR YOKOHAMA, (*direct*).
THE A 1 British Barque
"KELSO,"
Captain Vowell, will meet with quick dispatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 556 Hongkong, 22nd March, 1870.

FOR MANILA.
THE A 1 Spanish Barque
"MARIA Y VICENTE,"
Sto. Coloma, Master, will have immediate dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
tf 548 Hongkong, 19th March, 1870.

FOR LONDON.
(*Loading here, at Canton and Macao.*)
THE A 1 British ship
"OLYMENE,"
Captain Morgan, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will load as above, and sail early in April.
For Freight, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
or
DEACON & Co., Canton.
tf 466 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
To follow the "Panther."
THE British ship
"HENRY REED,"
Captain Macrea, will have quick despatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 429 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1870.

FOR MARSEILLES AND PARIS, *via the SUEZ CANAL.*
THE A 1 French barque
"PARIS PORT DE MER,"
Capt. G. Franc, having the great portion of her cargo on board, will meet with quick despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 387 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American ship
"PANTHER,"
Captain Kilton, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 309 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE North German ship
"HERMANN DOCTOR,"
Grave, Master, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 310 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American ship
"WITCH OF THE WAVE,"
Captain Batchelder, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 215 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE 4-masted Barque
"HATTIE C. BESSE,"
Captain Besse, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Cabin passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 187 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

FOR MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.
THE well-known A 1 clipper-ship
"CHELSEA,"
Capt. Jamieson, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 82 Hongkong, 13th January, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 British ship
"NIAGARA,"
Capt. Fry, will have quick dispatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 101 Hongkong, 17th January, 1870.

VON BARGEN & Co.,
SHIPCHANDLERS & STOREKEEPERS, SAIGON.
BEG to call the attention of Masters of vessels, and others visiting the above port, to their having constantly on hand every description of Shipchandlery and other Stores which they supply at prices equal to those charged for at Hongkong and Singapore.
tf 494 Saigon, February, 1870.

JUST Published by the undersigned, Portraits of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., Views of H.M.S. *Galatea*, the Prince landing, and the City Decorations.
J. THOMSON,
Commercial Bank Building.
2207 Hongkong, 22nd November, 1869.

G. DA SILVEIRA,
JEWELLER AND WATCH MAKER,
2 doors past the Hongkong Dispensary,
QUEEN'S ROAD,
HONGKONG.
tf 926 [May 1

THE Business of KIN-CHEONG-HONG, hitherto carried on by YEONG-HOY-CHEONG, CHUN-FOOK-PO, and others, on the premises of No. 60, *Bonham Strand West*, has been transferred to KWONG-SHUN-WO and YEONG-KWONG-TAI, and all accounts between them have been settled before the transfer took place. The new firm commenced business on the first day of the first moon of this Chinese year, under the Hong name of KIN-CHEONG-WO-KEE, and the interest of the late proprietors YEONG-HOY-CHEONG, CHUN-FOOK-PO, and others, ceased on that day. Debts contracted by, and indebted to, the late firm, will be settled by the late proprietors, and the new proprietors KWONG-SHUN-WO and YEONG-KWONG-TAI will not hold themselves responsible for them. With a view of avoiding future disputes, this notice is therefore given.
KWONG-SHUN-WO,
of Macao.
YEONG-HOY-CHEONG,
of Hongkong.
1m 536 18th March, 1870.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

(Alta, Jan. 1.)

Are not these Women's Rights people rather pushing things? Here comes Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, in a Women's Rights Convention, and pitches into Senator Sumner's position on the Cuban question, and makes "a stirring appeal" in behalf of the revolutionists of the Ever Faithful Isle. Why is it almost inevitable that when the women begin to make speeches they begin to scold? Is there not in this fact some dreadful suggestion as to the proclivity of the sex, especially of that "improved order of men" which Mrs. Julia Ward Howe represents? One would suppose that the Cuban question and the Cretan question, and that of revolutions generally, would be impertinent in a Women's Rights Convention, except so far as the dear women consider themselves as sweet revolutionists. But if Mrs. Julia Ward Howe has really been "going for" Senator Sumner, it is not so much because she is enlisted in the Cuban interest as because she is "going for" men in the abstract, as statesmen, politicians and Senators. The manifest tendency of the female champions of female rights is to go for each other's scalps, and the masculine scalp will not be safe wherever that tendency is corrected.

ABSURDITIES.

(From the Cincinnati Times, January 7th.)

We were thinking of the absurdity of many of the comparisons and figures found in song. For instance:

"Oh, I feel just as happy as a big sunflower
That bends and blows in the breezes."

Now, about how happy is a big sunflower? What evidence is there to show that the life of a big sunflower is not one of supreme wretchedness and woe? Admitting that happiness is not inconsistent with the career of a sunflower, is a big sunflower any more happy than a little one? We think not. As far as our own observations extend the big sunflowers look much the more *seedy* of the two, and seediness is not usually associated with the serenest joy.

We are told that this big sunflower—emblem of perfect and unalloyed bliss—"bends and blows in the breezes." If it is so very happy what's the use of *blowing* about it?

"And my heart's just as light as the winds that blow
And scatter the leaves of the trees."

There it is again; if any thing is happy it must needs *blow*. We are a little suspicious of happiness that requires to be trumpeted in this manner.

"Come where my love lies dreaming."

A. Ward used to say he wouldn't go—he didn't think it would be right. He evidently misapprehended the writer's meaning. We can feel nothing but the utmost aversion for one who *lies* dreaming. What credit could she have for veracity in her waking hours?

Even Byron could write some absurd things. For instance, his famous lines to Thomas Moore:

"My boat is on the shore,
And my bark is on the sea,"

Of what use is a boat on the shore, unless it's a stone boat? Queer way to announce that he had a bad cough by saying "my *bark* is on the sea." Why didn't he stay at home and bark it out on dry land?

"Roll on, silver moon, guide the traveller on his way,
While the nightingale's song is in tune,"

If the nightingale's song was out of tune, what then? Would the moon be justified to roll on, leaving the confiding traveller to continue on his way with a lantern? No conscientious or reasonable moon would be guilty of such a thing:

"For never, never more with my true love I'll stray
By the sweet silver light of the moon"

This is a plain intimation that he has no further use for moonlight nights, and intends in the future to walk his girl in the dark. As they had evidently "strayed" in the moonlight, perhaps they had better try daylight for their rambles.

As a specimen of happy comparisons, we append the following in conclusion:

"My love is a rhinoceros,
A hump-backed camomile;
She's a gyastiendus,
A kangro crocodile."

A CHINA ASSOCIATION.

When the formation was advocated, here, of a "China Association," through which the interests of Foreign Residents might find expression at home, one objection urged was, that the active co-operation of the English Houses interested in the trade could not be secured, and that the movement would, therefore, be futile. The minutes which we publish of a meeting held at the offices of Messrs. Matheson & Co., show that this apprehension was unfounded, and excite fresh regret that a measure which promised such good results should have fallen through. There is great truth in the old saying that Hercules helps those who help themselves; and the erroneous impressions now prevalent at home, in regard to China and to the political situation here, can hardly be dispelled without an effort. It seems that we are to be indebted, for this effort, to the very men whose probable inactivity was pleaded in Shanghai as an excuse for inaction. For we hope that the influential Committee which has now been organized in London, will not confine their efforts to mere opposition to the clauses of the new treaty which their resolutions grumble, but will expand their argument to embrace a protest against the mistaken tenor of Lord Clarendon's whole China policy. The plea on which this policy was inaugurated, was that the Chinese were anxious to foster trade, to extend intercourse, and to admit foreign appliances,—in short to "progress," in the sense in which the word has come to be applied to the China question. Experience has disproved this assumption; and the disapproval expressed, by the third resolution, of the treaty which is a measure of Chinese goodwill, implies a censure on the policy of which that treaty is a result. Much difference of opinion may exist as to the express merit of individual provisions. The scheme for giving effect to the transit due arrangement—first inserted in the treaty of Nanking, but which has been nullified by Chinese bad faith—may or not prove effectual; but even if it do, we shall simply be where it was intended we should be, in 1842. There can be no doubt the framers of that treaty meant to facilitate the ingress of foreign manufactures into the interior, in whose possession soever they might be; not merely to secure, for foreign merchants, the privilege of peddling their own goods inland if they desired. Whether, therefore, the view of the meeting be correct or not, whether the result of the change in mode of collection made by the new treaty, be really to ensure the free ingress of foreign goods on payment of 2½ per cent., or whether it be simply to add 50 per cent. to the present charge—there is certainly no "progress" in the change. Whatever concessions there may be, must be looked for elsewhere; and we have often before shown how trifling these are—while admitting that Sir Rutherford Alcock could hardly have been expected to gain more under the present régime. It is to repeat a thrice told tale, to show how untenable and how selfish are the arguments of the mandarins against free intercourse, how certainly the brief interference with individual interests which railways might effect, would be remedied, as at home, by the increase of general prosperity, and the opening up of other channels for industry; how willingly the commercial and labouring classes of China would welcome foreign intercourse, but how both these movements are opposed by the official and literate class, whose law is self-interest. We have often explained how mandarins dread rapid communication as incompatible with barrier squeezes, and free intercourse as shedding light on their own corruption. We may hope that the men who were present at Messrs. Matheson and Co.'s, have had these facts impressed on them by their China correspondents, and that they will be prepared to advance them as reasons why the new treaty shows so little real gain, and why firm insistance is needed, to induce the Chinese Government to yield more. Great as the advantage has been to England, of the large commerce to which our intercourse with China has given rise, equally great has been the advantage to China, in large markets opened up for her silk and tea. It needs only that communications should be improved, and the burdens on commercial intercourse lightened, for these advantages to be indefinitely extended. And knowing as we do, by our own experience, how greatly free trade and good communications increase a nation's prosperity, we ought not to feel compunction at pressing them on the Chinese. If the latter would have progressed of their own motion, as the Japanese are doing, it would, of course, have been preferable; but they will not. History forbids the expectation, and present experience shows the lesson of history to be true.—*S. C. & C. Gazette.*

ALMOST A REAL TRAGEDY ON THE STAGE.

Herr Bandmann, the tragedian, seems to be creating quite a sensation at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne; indeed, his representations, by the account given in the Melbourne *Argus*, appeared to be of such a life-like character that they must be almost too exciting to be quite pleasant at times. It is stated that during one of the representations of "Othello," in the last scene of the tragedy, where Iago stabs Emelia, Herr Bandmann (plying the character of Iago) made the thrust as usual, when Mrs. Steele, who was acting the part of Emilia, fell to the ground uttering piercing shrieks, which for a moment were mistaken by the audience for part of the business of the scene; but it was immediately obvious that her cries were the expression of terrible pain. In fact Herr Bandmann had stabbed her in the lower part of the back. The curtain was immediately lowered, amid great excitement. A surgeon who was in the house hastened on to the stage, and prompt attention was paid to the sufferer, and in about an hour she was able to be removed to her home. When it was ascertained that the wound was not dangerous, the welcome fact was announced to the audience, who received it with unbounded delight. It seems that Herr Bandmann's sword became in some unusual manner entangled in the thick folds of Mrs. Steele's velvet dress, and that, as she stood somewhat obliquely at the time, the sword, instead of passing across her back, penetrated through the dress and pierced the flesh. The latest accounts state that Mrs. Steele is progressing favorably, but that Herr Bandmann himself has suffered great mental distress, which it is to be hoped will have the effect of making him a little more careful in future.

A MAN MURDERED BY HIS WIFE.

Shaw, a gate-keeper on the railway at Norbury Hollow, near Stockport, who lived unhappily with his wife, quarrelled with her recently, loaded his gun, and threatened to shoot her. Shortly before the passage of the Manchester and Buxton train, due about half-past eight, Shaw took his lamp and went to make the necessary arrangements for the passage of the train. He appeared at the outside of the window, and the disagreement was still kept up by threats and menaces on both sides. As he was returning into the house she shot him dead. At the inquest, Amelia Barlow, wife of a blacksmith, gave the following evidence:—The prisoner called at her house at ten minutes to nine on the night in question, and said, "Mrs. Barlow, our Dan has been 'lacing' me, and I have killed him." Witness ran out and told her husband. The all three went, and found the deceased about three yards from the cottage door, lying on the side of the rails. Her husband spoke to the deceased, but he did not answer. They carried deceased in. Witness saw a gun lying on the ground opposite the door. A surgeon arrived in about half an hour. Deceased was quite dead. Witness said to the prisoner, "What have you done; where have you shot him?" Prisoner touched the gun, and said, "I fired the gun, not thinking to hurt him. I shot through the door, but did not think he was behind. I thought to frighten him, but not to hurt him." Prisoner seemed very much distressed. She said that after shooting him he said, "She has done it now," and that on going out to meet the train he said he "would give it her" when he returned, and would like to blow her brains out. She had never thought of the gun till then. Prisoner put her arms round deceased's neck, and said, "Dan, God have mercy on your soul." She then ran up the line, but returned soon after, and made no other attempt at escape. The jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder."—*Albion.*

A SINGULAR ROBBERY IN NEW YORK.

(New York Times, Dec. 22nd.)

On Monday night a young man, named Richard E. Kelly, arrived in New York from New Concord, Kentucky. He was *en route* to Poughkeepsie, to attend Eastman College. He came *via* the Pan Handle route. On reaching Jersey City he took from his boot-leg the sum of $230 and placed it in his pantaloons pocket. The money was in a wallet. After getting on board of the ferry boat he inquired about his baggage, and was told that it would reach the opposite shore as soon as he did. After reaching New York, he inquired how he was to reach Thirtieth-street Hudson River Railroad Depot. A man stopped him and said, "I am going around there and will take you." This man had a coach. He said, "Give me your check and get into the coach. I will bring your baggage in a few moments," and left. He returned in a short time and said, "Your baggage will be on the next train." This was after dark. Some one then called the man away, and he got upon the box and drove a short distance and stopped. Then another man came to the coach and said to the student, "Come, I'm going to the Hudson River Depot." The student got out and entered the second coach. After being in it a moment the driver went off and got another man, and when the two reached the coach, the driver said, "Here's another man going to the same place you are; just remain here till I get your valises." The stranger entered the coach and seated himself by the side of the student, saying soon after, "I am getting cold; let us go to the fire and stay till the driver comes back." The student objected, and they sat still again. Finally, the stranger said, "I must go to the fire," and got out. Soon after he was gone the student missed his wallet and money. After waiting a little while longer the driver came up, when the Kentuckian informed him that his pocket-book was gone. The driver said, "Here's your pocket book," (and he handed him the empty wallet); "you have been robbed." He then called for his fare. The student inquired how much, and was told $5. Having $15 or $16 in another pocket, he paid, when the driver got upon the box, and, after driving three blocks, stopped the coach and told the student to get out and take the cars, which he did, and that was the last seen of the driver and coach, the student reaching Poughkeepsie at a late hour, cleaned out. Another student, while *en route* to Washington last Friday night, was robbed of $250 in a sleeping car.

It is thought that the present Iowa Legislature will not be recognized by the Courts as a legal body, there being not a Smith in either House.

"Cutting the Painter."—The *Pall Mall Gazette* and other English newspapers have recently been urging the abandonment of the colonies by England. There seems a strong disposition here to take these papers at their word. Certainly if the slightest evidence could be afforded that these oracles represented any considerable English opinion on the subject, there would not be a moment's hesitation in "cutting the painter." The following, clipped from the *Leader*, is a fair exposition of the feeling here:—"We venture to say, on behalf of the colony of Victoria, that if England really wishes to get rid of us, she has only to say the word, and we will relieve her from her embarrassment, and perhaps survive the calamity of separation. We have self-respect enough not to wish to intrude where we are not wanted. We only wish to know how far the *Pall Mall Gazette* expresses the sentiments of the English nation on the subject."—*Alta's Melbourne Correspondent.*

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Hongkong, Thursday Evening.

The drug market continues weak, with more sellers than buyers at the following rates:—New Patna, $522½; New Benares, $500 to $501½; Old Patna, $542½ to $543½; Old Benares, $533½, nominal; Malwa, $640 to $642½.

The only noticeable feature in the Piece-goods market is a further rise in the price of 8lbs. Grey Shirtings; of these goods 1,000 pieces have been sold at $2.92, and for arrival 2,500 pieces at $2.87½. The following sales are also reported:—Grey Shirtings, 7lbs., 1,500 pieces, $2.60; White Shirtings, 1,000 pieces, $3.80; Brocades, 240 pieces, $3.75, and 240 pieces, $3.55; Scarlet Long Ells, 200 pieces, $7.20. The *Tonbridge*, about whose safety there has been some anxiety, has arrived at last, after a passage of 147 days. She brings a large general cargo, a great portion of which had been already sold for arrival.

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old	36 prem.
New	24 prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock	2 dis.
H'kong C'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares	29 cash prem.
Union Insurance Society of Canton	$1,800 to 2,000 prem.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares	$1,600 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares	$210 prem. per s.
Hongkong Hotel Shares	60 to 70 dis.
Victoria Fire	$20 prem.
China Fire	$32½ prem.
China & Japan Marine Insurance	Ts. 7½ prem.

Exchange.

On London.—
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/5¼ to 4/5½
Credits, at 6 months' sight ... 4/5½ to 4/5¾
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight ... 4/6
Bank Bills on demand ... 4/4
On Shanghai.—
Bank, 3 days' sight ... 74½
Private, 30 days' sight ... 75
On Calcutta.—Bank, 3 days' sight 223
" Bombay.—Bank, 3 days' sight 223

SALES ON 24TH MARCH, 1870.
As reported by Chinese.

Grey Shirtings, 8-4lbs., 1,000 pieces, at $2.25, by Gibb, Livingston & Co. to local merchant.
Iron Rod, No. 1 to 6, (slightly damaged) 2,000 bundles, at $2.20, by Ed. Schellhass & Co. to Canton trader.
T-Cloth, 8lbs. 1,000 pieces, at $2.68, by Jardine, Matheson & Co. to a local merchant.
Grey Shirtings, 8-4lbs., 8,000 pieces, at $2.68, by a local merchant by retail.
Red Plain Cloth, 300 pieces, at $2.44, by Kwong Fook Wo to a local trader.
Japan Ginseng, 1 case, at $3.10, by Tung Wo Cheong to a local trader.
Foochow Sugar, 150 bags, at $11.60, by Tung Wo Cheong to foreign merchant.
Yellow Wax, 4 cases, at $55, by Tung Wo Cheong to a trader.
Rattans, 300 piculs, at $4.20, by Hop Hing to Local merchant.
Cuttlefish, 100 cases, at $37.50, by Yee Wo Cheong to Canton trader.
Sharksfin, 20 bags, at $21, by Tsun Cheong Hong to Canton trader.

Notices of Firms.

MR. C. R. HEERMANN has been authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
CHS. J. GAUPP & Co.
1m 531 Hongkong, 21st March, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. H. Foster, Jr., in our firm, ceases this day.
RUSSELL & Co.
2m 518 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKINSHAW was admitted a partner in our Firm on the 1st of January last.
TURNER & Co.
tf 522 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. Hugh Sutherland will sign our firm from this date.
JOHN FORSTER & Co.
1m 482 Foochow, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. Sorabjee Dossabhoy Subadar as our sole authorized partner to establish our firms in Hongkong, Shanghai, and elsewhere in China.
N. KESSOWJEE & Co.
1m 403 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. Moharudbhoy Neusey to establish our branch firm in Shanghai, and conduct the business thereof.
N. KESSOWJEE & Co.
1m 409 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

NOTICE.
WE have this day established a branch of our House at Hankow.
The business at our Agencies in Tientsin, Kiukiang and Ningpo, will hereafter be conducted in the name of our firm by our recognized Agents in charge.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 182 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as a Ship Broker and Commission Agent.
D. MUNRO.
tf 102 Amoy, January, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. William Probst in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec. 1868, and Mr. Otto Christian Behr and Mr. Johannes F. Cordes are admitted Partners therein from this date.
Mr. F. Lancken and Mr. C. W. Siegfried, have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.
W. PUSTAU & Co.
6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. CESAR ERDMANN, has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per Procuration, from this date.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. JOHN FALCONER ROSE has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date until further notice.
H. G. ROBERTSON & Co.
6m 103 Foochow, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
tf 2002 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.
MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. Dana retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 63 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. H. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869.

MR. FRITZ KAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
tf 1166 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

THE CHALLENGE CUP, 1870.
NOW PUBLISHING.
A PHOTOGRAPH from a PAINTING by Mr. J. B. Holland, taken on the spot, exhibiting a graphic view of the Course and run in of "*North Australian*," the winner, and respective positions of "*Exeter*" and "*Kurools*." To be obtained at the "Oriental Hotel."
tf 383 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE undersigned are prepared to accept risks in the above Company for a *Period of Ten days*, on Merchandize stored in first-class Godowns, at ⅛th of one per cent.
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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Managers.*
tf 4 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

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W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1870. [3d 550

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship "SUNDA," will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1870. tf 565

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship "BOMBAY," will leave for the above place about 24 hours after the arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1870. tf 566

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship "DOUGLAS," Capt. Toppin, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 570 Hongkong, 24th March, 1870.

FOR YOKOHAMA.
THE British Steamer "WILHELMINE EMMA," Capt. J. Donaldson, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*
tf 535 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

FOR YOKOHAMA, *(direct)*.
THE A 1 British Barque "KELSO," Captain Yowell, will meet with quick dispatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 556 Hongkong, 22nd March, 1870.

FOR MANILA.
THE A 1 Spanish Barque "MARIA Y VICENTE," Sto. Coloma, Master, will have immediate dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.
tf 548 Hongkong, 19th March, 1870.

FOR LONDON, *(Loading here, at Canton and Macao.)*
THE A 1 British ship "CLYMENE," Captain Morgan, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will load as above, and sail early in April.
For Freight, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., or DEACON & Co., *Canton.*
tf 466 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. *To follow the "Panther."*
THE British ship "HENRY REED," Captain Macrea, will have quick despatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
tf 429 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1870.

FOR MARSEILLES AND PARIS, *via the* SUEZ CANAL.
THE A 1 French barque "PARIS PORT DE MER," Capt. G. Franc, having the great portion of her cargo on board, will meet with quick despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 397 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American ship "PANTHER," Captain Kilton, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
tf 309 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE North German ship "HERMANN DOCTOR," Grave, Master, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
tf 310 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American ship "WITCH OF THE WAVE," Captain Batchelder, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 215 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE 4-masted Barque "HATTIE C. BESSE," Captain Besse, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Cabin passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
tf 137 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

FOR MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.
THE well-known A 1 clipper-ship "CHELSEA," Capt. Jamieson, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co.
tf 82 Hongkong, 13th January, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 British ship "NIAGARA," Capt. Fry, will have quick dispatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 104 Hongkong, 17th January, 1870.

VON BARGEN & Co., SHIPCHANDLERS & STOREKEEPERS, SAIGON.
BEG to call the attention of Masters of Vessels, and others visiting the above port, to their having constantly on hand every description of Shipchandlery and other Stores, which they supply at prices equal to those charged for at Hongkong and Singapore.
tf 494 Saigon, February, 1870.

JUST Published by the undersigned, Portraits of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., Views of H.M.S. *Galatea*, the Public Landing, and the City Decorations.
J. THOMSON, Commercial Bank Buildings.
2207 Hongkong, 22nd November, 1869.

G. DA SILVEIRA, JEWELLER AND WATCH MAKER, *2 doors past the Hongkong Dispensary,* QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.
tf 926 [May 11

THE Business of Kin-Cheong-Hong, hitherto carried on by Yeong-Hoy-Cheong, Chun-Fook-Po, and others, on the premises of No. 60, *Bonham Strand West*, has been transferred to Kwong-Shun-Wo and Yeong-Kwong-Tai, and all accounts between them have been settled before the transferment took place. The new firm commenced business on the first day of the first moon of this Chinese year, under the Hong name of Kin-Cheong-Wo-Kee, and the interest of the late proprietors Yeong-Hoy-Cheong, Chun-Fook-Po, and others, ceased on that day. Debts contracted by, and indebted to, the old firm, will be settled by the late proprietors, and the new proprietors Kwong-Shun-Wo and Yeong-Kwong-Tai will not hold themselves responsible for them. With a view of avoiding future disputes, this notice is therefore given.
KWONG-SHUN-WO, *of Macao.*
YEONG-HOY-CHEONG, *of Hongkong.*
1m 536 18th March, 1870.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel's Name	Captain	At	For Freight Apply to	To be Dispatched
LONDON	Clymene	Morgan	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Quick dispatch.
MARSEILLES AND PARIS	Paris Port de Mer	G. France	Hongkong	Landstein & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SAN FRANCISCO	Niagara	Fry	Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Witch of the Wave	Batchelder	Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Panther	Kilton	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Henry Reed	Macrea	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Chelsea	Jamieson	Hongkong	Rozario & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SYDNEY	Merle Blanc	Feydt	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
PORTLAND, OREGON	Hattie C. Bessie	Besse	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do. Do.	Hermann Doctor	Grave	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
S'PORE, CALLE, & BOMBAY	Bengal (str.)		Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick dispatch.
MANILA	Suwonada (str.)		Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Do.	Maria y Vicente	Sto. Coloma	Hongkong	Remedios & Co.	Quick dispatch.
YOKOHAMA	Wilhelmine Emma (str.)	J. Donaldson	Hongkong	Melchers & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Kelso	Yowell	Hongkong	Landstein & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Sunda (str.)		Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick dispatch.
SHANGHAI	Bombay (str.)		Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Vulcan (str.)	A. F. Christensen	Hongkong	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Douglas (str.)	Toppin	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Quick dispatch.
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LINEN DRAPERS, SILK MERCERS, TAILORS, HABERDASHERS, OUTFITTERS, &c., &c.
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WELLINGTON STREET, *Opposite the Roman Catholic Church.*
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Small Invoices of WIRE ROPE, Boiler and Roofing Felt. Apply to ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
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MANILA HARD WOOD, consisting of MOLAVES, BANABAS, ARANGAS, and other descriptions. Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.
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tf 1694 Hongkong, 3rd September, 1869.

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tf 1627

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For Sale.

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At L. FRICKEL & Co.
1m 514 Hongkong, 15th March, 1870.

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Commercial Bank Buildings, Queen's Road,
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Palacio & Co., of Xeres, DRY AMONTILLADO SHERRY.
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Apply to A. G. HOGG & Co.
tf 214 Hongkong, 26th February, 1869.

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1500 TONS best Lump Anthracite COAL, from Pitston Mine, per *Witch of the Wave*. Apply to RUSSELL & Co.
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tf 1580 Hongkong, 18th August, 1869.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
ON and after the 31st day of March, 1870, the Auction Rooms of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to their old premises, Ground Floor of the Hongkong Hotel.
GUEDES & Co.
tf 538 Hongkong, 18th March, 1870.

NOW PUBLISHED.
VISIT of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh to Hongkong. Compiled by The Revd. Canon Beach, and illustrated by a Portrait of H.R.H., taken in Hongkong, and by Photographs of Local Scenes and Incidents of the Prince's visit.
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RODMOND GIBBONS & Co., San Francisco,
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LEONG-YAN, of Kwong-Hing.
3m 434 Hongkong, 3rd March, 1870.

THOMPSON & CO., SHIPCHANDLERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS, AND AGENTS, AUCTIONEERS, COAL & COMMISSION MERCHANTS, PAGODA ISLAND, FOOCHOW.
N.B.—Dry and commodious Godowns for storage at the Anchorage. [tf 13 Jan. 3

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WING-KEE COAL SHOP.
THE Proprietor of Wing-kee Shop begs to inform the Public that his Shop has been established since 1855, at *Endicott's Lane*, and that he has always a great quantity of Best COAL in store for Sale. Gentlemen or Shipmasters wishing to patronise him, are requested to apply at his Shop.
1y 559 Hongkong, 22nd March, 1870.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 419 Hongkong, January, 1867.

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NO. 4, WELLINGTON STREET POSSESSES THE "ONLY" BOWLING ALLEYS IN HONGKONG.
By special appointment to H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.
THEY are complete in all respects for the convenience and comfort of professional and amateur players, as well as for the accommodation of the public generally.
The Proprietor begs also to state that he has three of the finest AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLES ever imported into Hongkong, made specially for the house by Messrs. Straele & Hughes, of San Francisco. The comfort of players at these tables is specially provided for.
Wines and Spirits of the First Quality.
Tiffins and Snacks on Command.
JOHN B. HOLLAND, *Proprietor.*
tf 21 Hongkong, 14th January, 1870.

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Begs to announce that his Photographic Gallery has been RE-OPENED by His Excellency Sir R. G. MacDonnell, C.B., and Lady MacDonnell, on the Corner of *Wyndham* and *Wellington Streets*, where he solicits an inspection of the Finest Photographic Establishment in the Far East.
Life Size Photographic Portraits in Oil or Water Colors.
tf 1513 Hongkong, 9th August, 1869.

NOTICE.
IN THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS LAPRAIK, DECEASED.
PROBATE of the last Will and Testament of Douglas Lapraik, formerly of Hongkong, and lately of Acton, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, one of the Executors in the said Will named, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts forthwith. Persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned, at the Office of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co., or to Henry C. Caldwell, Esq., Solicitor, on or before the 31st day of January, 1870, after which date no claims will be received or admitted.
Dated Hongkong, 9th day of July, 1869.
R. E. BAKER, *Executor.*
tf 1349

GEORGE EISTER, MERCHANT AND LLOYDS' AGENT, CALLAO AND LIMA, PERU.
6m 2429] [Dec. 24

NOTICE.
TRANSGRESSION of the law, it is thought, is frequently committed from ignorance, and the regulations of the law must therefore be made public before they can be known. The undersigned having obtained the sole privilege of preparing and selling prepared opium, they fear that many merchants and traders, distant and local, purely from ignorance, may infringe the British law, and thereby lose their money, in addition to heavy fines that may be imposed upon them. This is a source of great anxiety to the undersigned, and for the general information of the public, they now set forth two sections of Ordinance 1858, relating to prepared opium. They are as follows:—
VII.—It shall be the duty of every person selling or retailing prepared opium under this Ordinance, to deliver therewith a sealed certificate specifying the amount sold, which certificate shall be evidence of the facts therein stated, and shall not be transferable.
VIII.—No person shall bring into this colony, or the waters thereof, or (except in cases to which section VII. applies) have in his possession or custody within the same any prepared opium.
Action will be taken against any person infringing the above sections for severe punishment, and no relaxation will be shown.
YAN WO & Co., *Opium Farmers.*
3m 338 Hongkong, 13th February, 1870.

Docks.

THE MACDONNELL PATENT SLIP, *WEST POINT.*
THIS SLIP is now available for Docking Vessels of 1,500 Tons and under, and for all work connected therewith. There is also a first-class Steam SAW MILL, Planing, Moulding, and Joining MACHINE, on the Premises, which effect a great saving of time in the execution of work.
Spars, Timber, and all requisite materials for the repair of Wood and Iron Ships constantly on hand.
A. McDONALD & Co., *Proprietors.*
2329 Hongkong, 24th November, 1869.

PORT OF AMOY.
SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS, and COMMANDERS are informed that the Dock Company's Establishments at the above Port afford every facility, at moderate charges, for REPAIRING AND SPARRING VESSELS, AND CLEANING AND PAINTING IRON SHIPS AND STEAMERS.
THEIR LARGE GRANITE DOCK, Has 286 feet length on the blocks, and at average spring tides can receive Vessels of 16 to 17 feet draught. It has a Caisson Gate, and Powerful Centrifugal Steam-pump, And an Engineers' work-shop fitted with Lathes and Tools, driven by steam. Iron and Brass Foundries, Boiler-makers' shop, a large Smithy, and Carpenters' and Boat-builders' sheds. All superintended by resident Europeans.
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Spars, Timber, and other Dock-yard material kept in stock.
Quarters for Officers, and a DRY GODOWN for STORES, of Vessels under repair.
tf 2317 Amoy, December, 1868.

FOOCHOW DOCK.
RIVER MIN.
THE above granite floored DOCK, of the following Demensions, viz: Length, 300 feet, Breadth at Bottom, 40 feet, is capable of receiving Vessels drawing 13 to 16 feet, as the state of the Tides will allow. The Dock runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam. The above premises comprise a large Machine-Shop, containing a Withworth's 12-inch Screw Cutting Gap Lathe. Drilling and Screwing Machines, A Large Smithy, &c., &c., &c.
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JOHN C. SKEY, *Superintendent.*
The list of Charges for lighting or remetalling vessels can be obtained from Messrs. De Silver & Co., Hongkong. Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., Shanghai.
tf 876 May 3.

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THIS SLIP is now available for docking Ships of 1,200 Tons or under, and all work connected therewith, as also in the SHIPWRIGHTS, JOINERS, BOAT-BUILDERS, SPAR-MAKERS, and general departments is under experienced European Superintendence.
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Charge, for three days' use of the Slip, One Dollar per ton; and all labour, material, &c., supplied on moderate terms. For further information, apply to
GLOVER & Co., *Managers.*
tf 937 Nagasaki, Japan.

THE HONGKONG TAI-YEUK-FONG HAIR WASH.
THIS elegant Toilet requisite combines the properties of a RESTORER, POMADE, and WASH.
As a "Restorer," Nutritive and Strengthening;
As a "Pomade," Not a grease but acting as such; and,
As a "Wash," Cooling, Cleansing, and Agreeable.
Introduced and Sold by A. S. WATSON & Co., Family and Dispensing Chemists, By appointment To H.E. The Governor and Household. To H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHED 1841.
tf Hongkong, 16th December, 1869.

NOTICE.
IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY DAVIS MARGESSON, DECEASED.
LETTERS of Administration, with the will annexed, of the Estate of Henry Davies Margesson, late of Hongkong and Macao, Merchant, deceased, having been granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, to the Undersigned, as Attorneys for the Executors, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts to the undersigned without delay, and all persons having claims against the said Estate are required to send in particulars thereof, with vouchers, to the undersigned (addressed to the care of T. G. Linstead) on or before the Thirtieth day of June next, after which date no claims will be admitted.
Dated the Third day of December, A.D., 1869.
W. KESWICK, T. G. LINSTEAD, *Administrators.*
tf 2292]

MR. SPARROW KNIGHT has a book publishing in the Press, to contain about 500 pages, general useful information on China, Reports on Coals furnished by Mr. Daniels, Chief Engineer of Sir Henry Keppel's flag-ship. Map of Peking on large scale. Communications furnished by the Chinese Minister for publication. Reports on Trade. Communications made to the Chinese Government. Communications made to Sir Harry Parkes, K.C.B., some general useful notes on Chinese matters. Plans of Arsenals, the Treaties with the Chinese Government will be included (in English and Chinese), the Tariff &c., Conversations with the United States Minister on Chinese subjects. Conversation with the Governor-General of Hoo-Pei and Hu-Nan, some general useful information, as productions, &c. The book will be a useful book. The subscription $5 per copy. The book will be dedicated to the Lord Robert Montagu, M.P. [tf 127

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, HONGKONG.
TRUSTEES—
The Colonial Secretary,
The Honourable W. Keswick, Esq.,
Geo. Heard, Esq.,
The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Company, (ex officio).
W. Stanley Adams, M.D., *Resident Surgeon.*
H. P. Austin, Esq., *Hon. Treasurer.*
TERMS OF ADMISSION—
1st Class (Private Room), per day, $3.00
2nd " (2 Beds in ea. Room) " " $2.00
3rd " (Public Wards) " " $1.00
These charges are inclusive of all Medicines and Attendances, but exclusive of Wines or Articles not in the recognised Dietary Table.
All orders for Admission to Hospital must be countersigned by some responsible Person or Persons resident in the Colony.
(Patients are also admitted on Deposits at the following rates, renewable one day previous to the amount deposited having been expended.
1st Class ... $60.
2nd " ... $40.
3rd " ... $20.)
By order, H. P. AUSTIN, *Treasurer.*
6m 1314 Hongkong, 25th October, 1869.

E. R. HANDLEY (Late Paterson & Handley).
HOUSE & SHIP PLUMBER, COPPERSMITH, ZINC WORKER, AND GAS FITTER.
16, *Queen's Road West.*
tf 1914 Hongkong, 25th May, 1869.

Post-Office Notifications.

A mail will close.
For Saigon.—Per *Veritas*, to-day, the 25th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Formosa*, to-morrow, the 26th instant, at 12.30 P.M.
For Shanghai.—Per Str. *Vulcan*, to-morrow, the 26th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) upon Letters addressed to Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, will henceforward be as follows, viz.:—
When forwarded via Brindisi, 42 cents each half-ounce.
When forwarded via Marseilles, 36 cents each half-ounce.
When forwarded via Southampton, 28 cents each half-ounce.
F. W. MITCHELL, *Postmaster-General.*
General Post Office, Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

LETTERS, &c., ADDRESSED "LONDON" ONLY.
Many persons are in the habit of addressing Letters, &c., for well-known Firms and Individuals, to "London" only; but this practice not unfrequently occasions delay in such Letters &c. reaching their rightful owners. In all cases, however well the Firm or Individual for whom a letter is intended may be known, it is most essential, to ensure its correct and prompt delivery, that the streets in which they resided, and the number of the house, should form a part of the address.
F. W. MITCHELL, *Postmaster General.*
General Post Office, Hongkong, 31st January, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under the provisions of an additional Convention concluded with the United States' Post Office, a further reduction has taken place in the postage on Letters between the United Kingdom and the United States, which has been extended to Letters forwarded *through* the United Kingdom.
The postage chargeable on Letters posted in Hongkong, or at any of the British Postal Agencies in China and Japan, addressed to the United States, to be forwarded by either British or French Packet, will henceforth be as follows, viz:—
When forwarded via Brindisi, 42 cents each half-ounce.
When forwarded via Marseilles, 36 cents each half-ounce.
When forwarded via Southampton, 28 cents each half-ounce.
Prepayment of the postage is compulsory.
F. W. MITCHELL, *Postmaster General.*
General Post Office, Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

It is hereby notified, by order of His Excellency Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, that henceforward, the rates of Postage chargeable on Packets of Printed Papers or Patterns of light weight sent from Hongkong to the United Kingdom when forwarded via Southampton, will be as follows:
For a Packet not exceeding one ounce in weight ... } 2 cents.
For a Packet above one and not exceeding two ounces ... } 4 "
and of double these rates when forwarded via Marseilles.
Packets of greater weight than two ounces will remain subject to the same rates as are now chargeable, viz.:
8 cents for every four ounces when forwarded via Southampton, and
12 cents for every four ounces when forwarded via Marseilles.
This alteration will apply to Printed Circulars, Price Lists, Market Reports and all printed papers other than Newspapers, as well as to Books and Trade patterns or samples.
F. W. MITCHELL, *Postmaster General.*
General Post-Office, Hongkong, 12th August, 1869.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under the provisions of a Treasury Warrant dated the 7th December last, the scale of Progression of Weight having half-an-ounce for its unit, has been extended to all Letters forwarded between this Office and any of the Ports in China and Japan, and to letters, addressed to Manila, Batavia, Saigon, Pondicherry, Bangkok, Labuan, Singapore, Penang, Malacca, Ceylon, India, Suez, Malta and the Ionian Islands, Gibraltar, and Spain and Portugal via Gibraltar.
The rates of postage chargeable in future on Letters addressed to these places will, therefore, advance by a single rate of postage for each half ounce.
F. W. MITCHELL, *Postmaster General.*
General Post Office, Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, MARSEILLES; ALSO, BOMBAY, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.
ON TUESDAY, the 29th of March, at noon, the Company's Steamship "*TIGRE*," Commandant Boileve, (H.I.M.N.), with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 5 P.M. on the 28th instant. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
C. BERTRAND, *Principal Agent.*
Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH U.S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK.
Via PANAMA *or* OVERLAND ROUTE.
STEAMERS of this line will be dispatched as follows:—
Japan ... April 12th.
China ... May 12th.
America ... June 11th.
Japan ... July 12th.
A steamer will leave Shanghai on or about same date, connecting with above-named steamer at Yokohama.
Passengers ticketed through to California, Mexico, Central and South America, and by Overland Route to principal points in the United States and Canadas, and, connecting with the various steam lines from New York to Liverpool, Southampton, Bremen, Brest, and Havre.
Through Tickets issued, also, to New York and Europe via Panama Route, and to Europe, per steamers of The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, The West India and Pacific Steamship Company, Limited, and The Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, from Aspinwall direct. Connections made at Panama with Steam lines upon the West Coast of Central and South America, by which passengers are ticketed through.
Through Bills of Lading given for Freight via CENTRAL PACIFIC RAIL ROAD and its connections to the principal points in the United States and Canadas, and for Freight *Overland* for ENGLAND and the CONTINENT.
Through Bills of Lading given, also, for New York and Europe via Panama route, and to Europe via Aspinwall Lines, to Ports of Mexico, and ports on the West Coast of Central America, and South America to as far as Valparaiso.
Favorable arrangements have been made for through Passengers and Freight to America from Calcutta, Penang, and Singapore, and from Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.
All Freight payable in advance in Mexican dollars, or on delivery in American gold with 8 per cent. additional, at Shipper's option.
Return Passage Tickets issued at a reduction of 20% upon the amount of the regular fare.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply at the Agency of the Company, *Praya West.*
T. A. HARRIS, *Agent.*
Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

Extracts.

Aladdin; or, the Wonderful Scamp.
BY HY. SLOCUM.
(From the Buffalo Express.)

A great many years ago, in Tartary—a country famous for emetics—there lived a little poke called Aladdin. He was a half orphan on the father's side, and he grew up a hopeless young vagabond, with an irrepressible propensity to steal water-melons, suck eggs, and run away from school. One day, when Aladdin was playing marbles "for keep" with three or four congenial young vagrants, a stranger, whose shirt front glittered with California diamonds set in virgin pinchbeck, stopped to observe the little game.

The stranger was a musician. By the aid of a dice box, sweet cloth, thimble-rig, check and other mysterious paraphernalia, he could coax postage currency out of the pockets of enchanted greenhorns; transmute metals so that his bogus jewelry would pass for genuine with bewitched idiots; make himself invisible when the constable was after him; hoodwink the self-conceited by three cards and a little joker, and perform various other cabalistic wonders familiar to ancient sorcerers and modern sharpers.

The adroit manœuvres by which Aladdin captured his comrade's marbles, recommended him to the magician as a youth who might sometime make it lively for stock gamblers, gold speculators and other licensed "sports;" and as he needed a lad in his necromantic spells he engaged Aladdin as "capper," a vocation well calculated to develop those peculiar financial traits which afterwards made Aladdin famous.

The boy became a neophyte in the Mysterious Order of Dead Beats, by having a big brass seal ring—the badge of membership—placed on his little finger; and he set out with the magician on a professional tour of Tartary, whose country fairs, horse shows, barbecues, etc., afforded a profitable field for sorcery. Aladdin was an apt pupil in the black art, and the new firm had transacted but little business before he began to practice incantations upon the bogus jewelry with a proficiency that caused the mysterious disappearance of several valuable articles. But retribution was on hand, as usual, and a paste brilliant having been traced by the magician to Aladdin's pocket, the unhappy varlet was speedily reduced to solitary confinement in an enchanted station house, whose murky obscurity was scarcely relieved by the feeble glimmer of a solitary lamp. [This "solitary lamp, with feeble glimmer attachment," etc., was patented by Mr. Bonner, who has assigned individual rights to S. Cobb, Jr., and me. Infringers will be prosecuted.] Aladdin proceeded to bedew his cheeks with several bitter tears, and remorsefully wiped his nose on his sleeve as he sorrowfully contemplated his sad plight, and wondered, in poetical accents, "Do they miss me at home?" He paused, in vain, for a reply, and he would still be bedewing and wiping, with no one left to tell the tale (for when a magician gets mad he never lets up); but happening to notice the dullness of his ring, he produced a piece of chamois leather with which to polish it. At the first rub there burst on his terrified vision one of the Genii, a being of appalling aspect, half man and half pettifoger. When Aladdin beheld this dire presence he had symptoms of fits, and, in the extremity of his fright, he tried to crawl into the lamp chimney; but when he found this refuge impracticable he commenced screwing his knuckles into his eyes and howling, "Yah-o-o-o! Iwasn't me, mister! I didn't mean ter," and a number of other irrelevant remarks, which our reporter failed to catch. The genii, however, allayed his pain by remarking sepulchrally: "Mortal, I am a Tombs Shyster and the Slave of the Ring—the Tammany Ring. As long as you have the ring—or any other little trinket—you may command my services. What wouldst thou?" Aladdin replied: "I'd like to give bail and go home. The old woman wants to see me, bad. I guess Greeley will sign my bond." Seizing the lamp as a memento of captivity—he never could subdue that petit larceny passion for mementoes—Aladdin was summarily enveloped in a *habeas corpus*, and transported to his ancestral hall, where his mother welcomed him with hospitable hands vigorously applied to that portion of his anatomy contrived by nature with special reference to such ordeals. When this stern prerogative of domestic discipline had been vindicated, Aladdin exhibited his trophies, with a very mollifying effect upon the maternal bosom. But in furbishing the solitary lamp he elicited another member of the Genii family, whose hideous apparition drove the old lady under the bed in a paroxysm of hysterics. This demon introduced himself as the Slave of the Lamp, ready to do all kinds of dirty work. With the slaves of the Ring and the Lamp, obsequious to his most extravagant wishes, Aladdin decided to go into business. He embarked in a career of speculation which was signalized by the most dazzling success. If he yearned for railroad or any other kind of stocks, the Slave of the Ring would transfer unlimited shares to him for a nominal consideration, or issue new scrip surreptitiously. If he coveted real estate, the Slave of the lamp would light on it and convey it to him. Jaghoole, the Sultan of Eri, admiring his financial acumen, made him Prince of Eri, and shared his sovereignty with him. When Jaghoole desired to share his sovereignty his process was simply to create more shares. That was his way of taking people in. Jaghoole and Aladdin kept the other Tartarean potentates in a continual ferment by their audacious exploits.

They organized a raid upon the Christian patriarch Dan El Dru, and stripped him of his stock and drove him out of Eri into exile.

They laid an ambush for the howling Dervishes, called Stockjobbers, and having decoyed them into a secluded corner in Eri, fell upon and cut off of every Stockjobber his coupons, for future ransom. Aladdin caused his slaves, the Genii, to collect all the gold in Tartary and lock it in strong chests, and then, on a certain day, with Jaghoole and the Ring, he went forth into the street, and every man whose gold was short they crucified.

These and similar deeds made Aladdin notorious throughout all Tartary, and the general opinion among the knowing ones was that his wealth was extremely fabulous. His raiment of velvet glistened with precious gems—which suggested to that ficious pundit, Old Tartaric Acid, the soubriquet of "Precious Jemmy"—his equipage was of royal magnificence, and he moved in the Cream of Tartar society.

Old Tartar Emetic, the Oyster Khan of Tartary, having advertised that he would receive sealed proposals for the hand of his daughter, the Princess Lobelia, Aladdin's bid of forty bushels of diamonds was accepted, and the gems were delivered by the Genii, as per contract.

When the Khan had ascertained the genuine quality of the diamonds, by scratching his glass eye with them, he smiled from ear to ear, and, placing Lobelia's hand in that of Aladdin, told him to take her and be happy. Lobelia was a lady of decided taste and active disposition, and Aladdin had scarcely taken her before he began to feel *riled* about his bargain. In fact, the more he took Lobelia the more *retched* he was, and as Lobelia began to suspect that she had caught a Tartar, they concluded that their two hearts couldn't beat as one any more. They agreed to live separately. Aladdin was living separated, with perfect looseness, when the Stockjobbers arose and demanded the coupons of which he and Jaghoole had despoiled them. The revolt spread also to the people of Eri, who clamoured for the heads of Aladdin and Jaghoole. To escape the popular fury they took refuge in an enchanted Opera House, where they are still besieged by an army with banners of preferred stock, and armed with summonses, orders, injunctions, writs, and other engines of destruction. "May the best man win."

A British sailor invalided home from China, and who had manifested great anxiety to reach England, was being carried ashore at Woolwich Dockyard, when, on being placed on a stretcher on the ground, he said, "I have arrived home at last!" and immediately expired.

The *Illustrated London News* tells the following "Tale of a Passport": An Englishman, after dining at a second rate French restaurant, by mistake took away the *carte du diner*. On arriving at the Italian frontier, he was asked for his passport. Half asleep he handed the *carte* to the gendarme, who read aloud, "*Tête de veau, poitrine du mouton, pieds de cochon.*" "The description is exact," said the gendarme, and returned it to the Englishman.

The monument in Westminster Abbey to Geo. Peabody, a native of Massachusetts, is in the immediate neighbourhood of that erected by "The Province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, by an order of the Great and General Court, bearing date February 1st, 1759," to the memory of Brigadier General Viscount Howe, who, in the July of the previous year, was slain while marching his Majesty's forces to Ticonderoga.

Houses, Lands, Tenements, &c.

TO LET.

TO LET,
THREE ROOMS, with servants' offices, suitable for one or two gentlemen, and a stable suitable for two horses and a carriage, situated in a central and airy position, on the *Caine Road East.*
Address T., care of *Daily Press* Office.
tf 389 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

TO BE LET.
A COMFORTABLE Six Roomed HOUSE, in *Queen's Road East.* Rent Moderate. Apply to
H. W. DAVIS,
Spring Gardens.
2w 567 Hongkong, 24th March, 1870.

TO LET,
(From 1st April next.)
THE Commodious Residence known as Elgin House, in Caine Road West, formerly occupied by Capt. Gillson.
For particulars, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 488 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

TO LET,
From 1st April next.
THE Commodious Residence, in *Arbuthnot Road*, known as No. 1, Woodville Terrace, presently occupied by G. F. HEARD, Esq. The House is within five minutes walk of the Clock Tower, and commands an excellent view of the Harbour. Gas and Water laid on.
Also, the House No. 2, Woodville Terrace, with entrance on the 1st May.
For further particulars, apply to
MACEWEN & Co.
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 7th March, 1870. [tf 46]

TO LET.
HOUSES in *Mosque Street*, commanding a full view of the harbour. Rents moderate. Apply to
H. L. NORONHA.
tf 291 Hongkong, 11th February, 1870.

TO LET,
IN West Terrace, *Caine Road*, Nos. 3, 4, and 5, containing Four rooms each. Bath rooms, &c. Rent moderate. Apply to
THOS. W. HARRINGTON.
47, Wyndham Street.
tf 267 Hongkong, 8th February, 1870.

TO LET,
TWO FLOORS of a HOUSE in *Queen's Road*, well situated.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
tf 226 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

TO LET.
FIRST-CLASS Granite GODOWNS, at *Wanchai*, from 12 to 30,000 picals capacity. Apply to
S. E. BURROWS & SONS.
tf 1700 Hongkong, 17th September, 1869.

TO LET,
(With possession on 1st January next.)
THE very desirable Business PREMISES, situated the corner of *D'Aguilar Street* and *Wellington Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. A. BOYER & Co. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 2347 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

TO LET.
THE commodious Business Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. SMITH, ARCHER & Co., situated at *Spring Gardens*, and consisting of a Large Three Storied Dwelling House containing 22 Rooms, with outhouses and Stables attached; two large dry and airy Godowns, capable of holding 10,000 picals each, with Offices and Private rooms over the same. The whole having a frontage on the *Praya* of 210 feet, with use of a private wharf, and a fine view of the harbor.
The houses have recently been painted and put in thorough repair.
For further particulars, apply to
JOHN GERRARD.
tf 1580 Hongkong, 19th August, 1869.

TO LET.
With immediate possession.
THE HOUSE and OFFICES, No. 4, *Gough Street*, lately occupied by Messrs. A. WILKINSON & Co. Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 1957 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

TO LET,
With immediate possession.
NO. 4, Poohili Terrace, *Elgin Street.* Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 1848 Hongkong, 30th September, 1869.

HOUSES TO LET.
IN various Parts of Hongkong. A list of HOUSES with *size, locality* and *terms* can be seen at No. 47, *Wyndham Street.*
THOS. W. BARRINGTON.
tf 642 Hongkong, 11th March, 1867.

TO BE LET.
THE very desirable business premises lately occupied by Messrs. LYALL, STILL & Co.; a portion of which are now occupied by Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.—with large and commodious dwelling-house and extensive Godowns on the *Praya.*
For full Particulars, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
tf 2364 Hongkong, 16th December, 1868.

TO LET.
THAT commodious family residence in *Bonham Road*, known as "Persepolis," containing 12 Rooms, besides basement story, Bath rooms, Coach House and Stable, Gas and Water laid on.
Also, Croquet ground, Flower and Vegetable garden. Apply to
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
47, Wyndham Street.
tf 1080 Hongkong, 4th June, 1869.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession.)
SEVERAL Strong commodious GODOWNS, very conveniently situated on Marine Lot No. 63, between Messrs. JOHN BURD & Co.'s premises and Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s Wharf.
For Particulars, apply to
A. McLEOD,
At Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 820 Hongkong, 26th April, 1869.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession).
THE commodious three storied HOUSE, No. 1, *Wyndham Street*, lately in the occupation of Messrs. BONNETT & Co. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 2318 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.
THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise in their own Boats, and to receive the same on storage in first class GRANITE GODOWNS on moderate terms.
ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.
tf Hongkong, 4th March, 1867.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession).
A BUNGALOW at *Pokefolum.* Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 1693 Hongkong, 1st September, 1869.

TO BE LET,
With Possession on 1st Oct. next.
THE HOUSE and OFFICE, No. 9, *Gough Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. KIRCHNER, BÖGER & Co. Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 1274 Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

WHAMPOA BEEF, Shanghai MUTTON, and all table requisites for Family use, AT
J. FRISBY & Co.'s,
Butchers, Grocers, and Market Compradors,
Store 73, corner of Wellington and Graham Sts. Butcher's Stall, Central Market.
tf 891 Hongkong, 1st May, 1869.

BUTCHER'S LIVERY STABLES AND CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY.
HORSES received on Livery.
Carriages and Horses sold and bought on Commission.
Farriery, by an experienced European.
Harness and Saddlery repaired and renovated, a stock of London-made being always on hand.
Horses broken to Saddle or Harness.
Horses always on hand for Sale.
J. B. B. having received a very large supply of the best English-made
CARRIAGE MATERIALS, PAINTS, VARNISH, &c.,
is prepared to build or repair Carriages with promptness, at very moderate Terms.
Veterinary work carefully attended to.
(J.B. will be happy to call at the residence of any person requiring his services, on receiving instructions to that effect.)
Rear of Murray Barracks, Hongkong.
tf 875 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1869.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

SECURITY
SHOULD BE THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS.

THE Directors of the Royal Insurance Company have the pleasure of supplying the following information to the public, as evidence of the ample security they afford to their assurers:—

THE CAPITAL
of the Company, available for the purpose of meeting any unusual calamity happening to the Assured, is
TWO MILLIONS STERLING.
The amount actually paid up is £288,495. This, with the Accumulated Funds in Hand, makes the invested resources of the Company upwards of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, which amount is invested as follows:—
Invested Funds of the Royal Insurance Company, 30th June, 1869.

Real Property owned by the Company	£219,571 11 3
Mortgages on Freehold Property	33,500 0 0
£30,000 Reduced 3 per cent. Consols	28,935 1 3
India Government 5 per cent. Debentures	100,000 0 0
English Railway Debenture Bonds	59,090 17 7
First-class English Railway Preference and Guaranteed Stocks	335,476 11 11
Loans to Local Authorities of various towns in Great Britain, who have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State to borrow the amounts	145,560 12 6
Bonds of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board	62,311 14 8
Bonds of the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Co.	10,000 0 0
Bonds of the Liverpool Corporation	5,160 0 0
United States Government Stocks	101,330 7 10
Canada Bonds and Canada Dominion Stock	31,106 11 6
Short Loans on first-class English Dividend-paying Stocks, with margins from 20 to 50 per cent. on market values	477,195 0 0
Loans on Security of Life Policies	63,938 8 5
	£1,672,356 10 11

The above is a complete list of the Investments of the Company at the date specified, in addition to which the funds are still further increased, by amounts constantly varying, at different periods, in the hands of the Bankers and the Company's Agents.
At 31st Dec. 1868, these stood at £163,069 2 0
For the satisfaction of the Public, the whole of the Securities belonging to the Company are annually submitted to the careful scrutiny of two independent Auditors, and the following is an Extract from their Report to the last Annual Meeting:—
"The whole of your Books have been Audited—every Document, every Account, every Voucher, your Bank-book, and every Security—all have been most carefully kept, and there is not one doubtful Security in the whole."
THE ACCUMULATIONS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT.
After payment of Losses, Annuities and Expenses of every description, have been as follows:—

Funds in Hand at the last Quinquennial Valuation, 31st Dec. 1864	£621,434 15 5
Added to 31st December, 1865	103,140 7 3
" " 1866	124,165 7 5
" " 1867	128,583 5 10
" " 1868	144,945 12 2
Total Accumulation of the Life Department on 31st December, 1868, exclusive of Shareholders' Capital	£1,122,275 8 1

The Directors also think it desirable to State that THE BUSINESS OF THE "ROYAL" HAS NEVER BEEN AMALGAMATED WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER COMPANY.
And that the LIABILITY of its Shareholders is UNLIMITED.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents.
2173 Hongkong, 6th November, 1869.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz.:—

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Other dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their contents	¾ per cent.
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company
tf 884 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $80,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
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AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 471 Hongkong, 6th March, 1863.

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tf 2096 Hongkong, 9th November, 1868.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.
INCORPORATED 1859.
CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
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IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz.:—

Not exceeding Ten days	⅛ of the annual rate
Not exceeding 1 month	¼ of the annual rate
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months	½ do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months	¾ do. do.
Above 6 months	the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
tf 875 Hongkong, 13th August, 1869.

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MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
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SUN FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz.:—

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Above 1 month but not exceeding 3	¼ do. do.
Above 3 months but not exceeding 6	½ do. do.
Above 6 months	the full annual rate.

A. G. HOGG & Co.,
Agents, Sun Fire Office.
tf 676 Hongkong, 9th June, 1868.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz.:—

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Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months	½ do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months	¾ do. do.
Above six months	the full annual rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Assurance Company.
tf 678 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses, removed from town, and their contents	½ per cent. per annum
Other dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their contents	¾
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents	1 "

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
tf 896 Hongkong, 19th March, 1865.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz.:—

Not exceeding 1 month	⅛ of the annual rate.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3	¼ do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6	½ do. do.
Above 6 months	the full annual rate.

GILMAN & Co., *Agents.*
North British & Mercantile Insurance Company.
tf 696 Hongkong, 7th April 1868.

HONGKONG INSURANCE COMPANY, 1868.
THE undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to issue Marine Policies on the usual terms to the extent of £10,000, on any first class risk.
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tf 538 Hongkong, 17th March, 1869.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks on the usual terms.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
tf 1669 Hongkong, 1st August, 1866.

Insurances.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY. SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES against Fire on Buildings and Goods, at current rates.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 366 Hongkong, 7th February, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
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Secretaries.
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BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
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RUSSELL & Co.
tf 1022 Hongkong, 1st April, 1865.

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OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 2317 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

HAMBURG BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz.:—

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Not exceeding 1 month	¼ do. do.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months	½ do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months	¾ do. do.
Above six months	the full annual rate.

WM. PUSTAU & Co., *Agents.*
tf 1667 Hongkong, 30th August, 1869.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz.:—

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents	½ per cent.
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents	¾ per cent.
Offices and Godowns and their contents	1 per cent.

Other Risks by Special arrangement.
The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Policies:—

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Sardis,	Cunningham	Amr. sch	709	John Burd & Co	
Sirene,	Clausen	N. G. bk	1249	Messageries Imperiales	
Southern Bella,	Benson	Brit. bk	350	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	Bombay
Talkno,	Holler	N. G. bk	541	Gilman & Co	Nagasaki
Thorna,	Rolle	Ital. sh	316	Wm. Pustau & Co	Laid up
Triton,	Assmussen	N. G. sh	856	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Veritas,	Ingram	Brit. sh	844	Turner & Co	Saigon
W. of the Wave,	Batchelder	Amr. sh	1250	Aug. Heard & Co	San Francisco
Young Greek,	Bairoolk	Brit. bk	424	Chinese	
WHAMPOA.					
Steamers.					
Conchita,	Buckham	Brit. str	354	Order	
Sailing Vessels.					
Clymene,	Morgan	Brit. bk	390	D. Lapraik & Co.	London
Hermina,	Plambeck	N. G. bk	374	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	Tientsin
MACAO.					
America,	Perks	S. Sal. sh	1436	Captain	Callao
Napier,	Sinclair	Brit. bk	350	Holliday, Wise & Co	
Nicoline,	Ahlmann	N. G. bk	931	Peter & Ebell	Batavia
Paradise,	Popp	N. G. bk	300	Siemssen & Co	Hamburg
Spark I,	Wilson	Amr. str	120	Thos. Hunt & Co	
Star,	Graves	Amr. str		Thos. Hunt & Co	Laid up
Vanguard,	T. Hunter	Brit. bk	656	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
SWATOW.					
In port on 16th March, 1870.					
Anagere,		Brit. bk		Master	Shanghai
Abbie-wreneken,		Ned. bk		Bradley & Co	Uncertain
Craig Ellachie,	Dentley	Brit. bg	223	Ed. Vincent	Shanghai
Ellon Castle,		Brit. bk		Master	Shanghai
Edward,	Saber	N. G. bk		Bircks & Co	Uncertain
Kjobenhavn,	Holm	Dan. bk	351	Bircks & Co	Uncertain
Lady Belmore,		Brit. bk		Master	Shanghai
Maria,	Larengen	N. G. bk		Bircks & Co	Bangkok
FOOCHOW.					
In port on 19th March, 1870.					
Achilles,	Russell	Brit. str	1550	Chinese	Shanghai
Alice Thompson,	Sclavo	Brit. bk	338	Russell & Co	Taku
Allcinkle,	Gray	Brit. bk	410	Russell & Co	New York
Forward Ho,	Hossack	Brit. bk	942	Gibb, Livingston & Co	Shanghai
Ragus,	Gulbrandtsen	Nor. bk	166	Russell & Co	Tientsin
Rubicon,	Wait	Brit. sch	201	Russell & Co	Tientsin
Sampan,	Rasmussen	N. G. bk	234	Russell & Co	Shanghai
Seringapatam,	Morton	Brit. sh	775	Chinese	Shanghai
Woosung,	Allan	Brit. str		Foochow Dock	Towing

Vessel and Captain		Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
SHANGHAI.					
In port on 14th March, 1870. The names of the numerous steamer tugs and craft and receiving hulks employed on the Yang-tsze are not included in this table.					
Annie Muriel,	Graham	Brit. sch	180	Master	Pusiatie
Cæsar,	Schuck	Brit. bk	212	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	
Chinaman,	McKenzie	Brit. sh	667	Holliday, Wise & Co	London
Dartmouth,	Elsden	Brit. sh	916	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Dunbrand,				Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Hesperus,	Spring	N. G. bg	264	Wm. Pustau & Co	Newchwang
H. E. Susanna,	Meyboug	Ned. bk	375	T. Kroes & Co	
Hohenzollern,	Barhegen	N. G. bk	270	Order	
Jessie,	Fole	N. G. bk	447	Siemssen & Co	
Kaiser,	Andersen	N. G. bk	705	Gilman & Co	Newchwang
Mary Miller,	Taylor	Brit. bk	240	Master	
M. Lique,	Uriata	Span. bk	271	Order	
Mobile,	Berry	Brit. bk	319	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	Newchwang
Newcastle,	Robertson	Brit. bk		A. R. Tilby & Co	Newchwang
Norfolk,	Baug	Brit. bk	264	Glover, Dow & Co	
P. of Wales,	Shepherd	Brit. bk	306	H. Fogg & Co	
Santos,	Kleingarn	Span. sch	103	Russell & Co	
Surprise,	Banlett	Amr. sh	1608	Smith, Archer & Co	New York
Taeping,	Dowdie	Brit. sh	767	Gilman & Co	
Thoeie,	Mayer	N. G. bk	390	Wm. Pustau & Co	Hongkong
Vidette,	Merritt	Amr. bk	610	Frazar & Co	Nagasaki
Zephyrus,	Wickham	Brit. bk	690	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
YOKOHAMA.					
In port on 20th March, 1870.					
Adelhaid,	Vogue	N. G. bk	44	Captain	Uncertain
Ariel,	Timberly	Amr. str	1360	P. M. S. S. Co	Uncertain
Aroostook,	Borstel	Amr. sch		De Coningh, Vernede & Co	Uncertain
A. de Reuter,	Witting	Ned. bk	475	Carst, Lels & Co	Uncertain
Arabia,	Migsell	Fren. bk	207	Aymonin & Co	Uncertain
Argus,	Shuman	Brit. bk	103	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Augusta,	Abbott	Amr. str	200	Walsh, Hall & Co	Uncertain
Aurelia,	Ettrand	Fren. bk	303	Walsh, Hall & Co	Uncertain
Bausi,	Juigonnes	N. G. bk	103	Wilkin & Robison	Uncertain
Charles C. Leary,	Baker	Amr. sch	115	Walsh, Hall & Co	New York
City of Yedo,	Hilla	Amr. str	100	C. J. & C. W. Hoyt	Yedo
Cœur de Lion,	Miller	Brit. sh	818	Wilkin & Robison	New York
Countess Russell,	Penfold	Brit. sh	964	Van Oordt & Co	Repairing
Cymbeline,	Faye	Brit. bk	300	Walsh, Hall & Co	London
Day Dawn,	Laudemann	Brit. bk	308	Walsh, Hall & Co	Uncertain
Diana,	Jacobson	N. G. bk	190	Chinese	Uncertain
Ettrick,	Lumont	Brit. bk	310	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Evelyn Wood,	Jamieson	Brit. bk	381	Order	Uncertain
Everest,	Clark	Brit. sh	571	Gilman & Co	Foochow
Galveston Mystic,	Bland	Amr. bk	632	E. C. Kirby & Co	Uncertain
Gipsy,	Simpson	Brit. bk	260	Captain	Uncertain
Golden Age,	Cobb	P.M.S.S.	1800	P. M. S. S. Co	Repairing
Ingeburg,	Fries	N. G. bk	373	Walsh, Hall & Co	Newchwang
Irene,	Behrens	N. G. sch	262	Walsh, Hall & Co	Newchwang
Hard Queen,	Foster	Brit. bk	340	P. & O. Co	Uncertain
Jubilee,	Constandyne	Brit. sh	900	Order	Uncertain
Kanagawa,		Amr. str		C. J. & C. W. Hoyt	Uncertain
Li. Oliver,	Aram	Fren. bk	421	Kingdon, Schwabe & Co	Uncertain
Lizzie Allen,	Brown	Brit. sch	308	C. Mackintosh & Co	Nagasaki
M. M. Jones,	Jones	Brit. bk	267	Fabre, Boeme & Co	Uncertain
Naiad,	Purch	Brit. bg	387	Walsh, Hall & Co	Saigon
Nymph,	Castle	Brit. str	812	Gilman & Co	Kobe
Persia,	Stromberg	N. G. bk	400	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Pons-Ælie,	Criaston	Brit. bk	315	Van der Tak	Uncertain
Oregonian,	Deerson	Amr. str	350	P. M. S. S. Co	Shanghai, &c.
Osaka,	Leslie	Brit. bk	637	Shaw, Winstanley & Co	Uncertain
Otago,	Stewart	N. G. str	810	Textor & Co	Uncertain
Ottawa,	Rearra	Brit. str	814	P. & O. Co.	Hongkong
R. W. Wood,	Kliecla	Haw. bk	38	Van Reed & Co	Uncertain
Ranlipola,	Way	Brit. sch	183	Grauert & Co	Uncertain
Rosalie,	Nilson	Swed. bk	573	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Sharpeston,	G. Dunn	Brit. bk	369	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Star of the North,	Hewie	Brit. sh	692	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Stag,	Muthu	Brit. bk	293	Van Oordt & Co	Uncertain
Sylphide,	Garrick	Brit. bk	297	Wilkin & Robison	Uncertain
Taviore,	Loysson	Fren. bk	47	Textor & Co	Uncertain
Thabor,	Rival	Fren. str	485	Messageries Imperiales	Uncertain
Sho Cedara,	Stonehouse	Brit. bk	855	Kniffler & Co	Uncertain
Trudel,	Mess	N. G. bk	406	Kniffler & Co	Uncertain
United Service,	Gains	Brit. str	737	Findlay, Richardson & Co	F't or Charter

SHIPPING IN MANILA HARBOUR.

Vessel and Captain	Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
Albyne Isle,	Brit. bk		Order	
Amigos,	Span. bk		Order	
Cantida,	Span. sh	836	F. Reyes	
Concepcion,	Span. sh		Order	
Delia,	Span. bk	385	J. Estrella	
Ellen Victoria,	Brit. bg	669	Russell & Sturgis	
Elisa,	Span. bk	905	F. Reyes	
Electra,	Brit. bk		Order	
Encarnacion,	Span. bk	433	T. D. y Castro	
Espana,	Span. bk	581	O. Gurvelondo & Co	
Felix,	Span. bk		Order	
Flores de Maria,	Span. bk		Order	
George Marie,	Fren. str	133	Consul	
Ignacio,	Span. bg		Order	
Isabella,	Brit. bg	172	Smith, Bell & Co	
Jesus,	Span. bk	120	Z. L. de Aldeca	
Joakiel,	Ned. bg		Order	
Josephine Amender,	Fren. bk		Order	
Juliana,	Span. bk	314	Smith, Bell & Co	
Khorasan,	Brit. sh		Order	
M. de la Victoria,	Span. str		Order	
M. Encarnacion,	Span. sch	190	F. Reyes	
Manila,	Span. str		Order	
Mario,	Fren. bk		Order	
Mina,	Span. bk	405	M. Ong-Darea	
Mysore,	Fren. bk		Order	
Pantaloon,	Ned. bk		Order	
Rodrigo,	Span. bg	187	J. Morello	
San Nicolas,	Span. bk		Order	
Serafin,	Span. bk		Order	
Texan,	Span. bk	320	C. la Vara & Co	
Tewkesbury,	Brit. sh	1060	P. Hubbell & Co	
Villa de Rivadabia,	Span. bg		Order	
Yelunleer,	Amr. sh		Order	

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Arrivals.

Mch. 25, HENRY MILLER, Brit. bk., 435, Dickson, Singapore 7th February, Timber.—CHINESE.
Mch. 25, ALTAGRACIA, Span. bk., Oaxinde, Saigon 22nd February, 13,872 piculs Rice and 894 tales Cotton.—REMEDIOS & Co.
Mch. 25, CRISINA, Ned. bk., 542, Orderman, Turon, Coast of Cochin China 10th March, Timber, Rattans and Skins.—ORDER.
Mch. 25, ARRATOON APCAR, Brit. str., 938, Miller, Calcutta 8th March, Cotton and Saltpetre.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Mch. 26, WILLIAM MILLER, Brit. str., 566, Nyberg, London via Suez Canal, General.—BIRLEY & Co.
Mch. 26, ALBION, Brit. str., 650, Dunn, Singapore 15th March, and Saigon 21st, General.—WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Departures.

Mch. 25, GAZELLE, for Chefoo.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, MARCH 25TH
Herzog Ernst, for Saigon.
Veritas, for Saigon.
Maria Susanne, for Bangkok.
Belted Will, for Bangkok.
Southern Bell, for Bombay.
Greione, for Whampoa.
Energie, for Whampoa.
Prince Albert, str., for Whampoa.

Passengers.

Per *Albion*, str., from Singapore, &c.—Senor Zuppa Pourie Cozi, Mr. Abbott, 3 deck, and 25 Chinese.
Per *William Miller*, str., from London, &c.—Mr. Fenton, Capt. Jacobson, Mr. Pa ira Santo Iago Evans, Capt. Simmons, and 7 Chinese.

Reports.

The British steamer *Albion* reports moderate monsoon as far as Saigon, thence light winds between E. and S. with fine clear weather. Capt. Dunn also reports the following, respecting the Shoal water off Pulo Coicer de Terre:—March 22nd, 4 p.m., clear moderate weather; Pulo Coicer de Terre bearing W. by S.½ S., distant 3½ miles, Cape Padaran, N.E., 8 miles. The chief officer reported the appearance of Shoal Water, immediately got a cast of the lead, and found only 5 fathoms water. The bottom of white coral could be plainly seen; steered due East 1 mile, and gradually deepened the water to 6½ fathoms, then E.S. by E. 2 miles, with regular soundings of 6½ fathoms; the three mile deepened to 7, 8, and 9 fathoms, and then no bottom at 12. On my last passage from Saigon to Hongkong in the *Albion*, I passed to the westward of this position, between it and Pulo Ceicer de Terre, it was blowing hard at the time, and a high sea running, but saw no indication of Shoal water; I have also often passed this place, or very near to it, in a sailing vessel on my way from Hongkong to Saigon, Bangkok, and Singapore, but never detected any irregularity in the soundings. On projecting the bearings on the chart, they placed us much nearer, Ceicer de Terre than we were at the time, but on comparing two Admiralty charts, one corrected to 1863, the other to 1864, I found the island not laid down in the same position on both. The bearings are by the standard compass, corrected for local attraction by a deviation card but although this is generally correct, it is not always so, as I have found the compasses at times very much affected by the proximity of the land, and I had no opportunity of correcting them this afternoon, being too near the high land to the Westward to get an Azimuth.

Reports of the steamship *William Miller*, from London to Hongkong via Suez Canal. Left East India Dock December 29th, and brought up at Greenhithe for adjusting the compasses. Left next day, and came to anchor in the evening in Margate roads on account of a heavy gale from S.W. Proceeded next morning, the wind then very strong, at noon landed the pilot off Dover, and steamed down Channel, experienced strong head winds and rough sea till abreast off Cape Finisterre, when the wind moderated. From thence to Gibraltar, which we passed on the 7th, calms and light airs. Fine, beautiful weather through the whole of the Mediterranean, and arrived January 18th, in Port Said. Next morning proceeded through the Canal, and arrived at Ismailia in the evening, and anchored for the night. Next morning, the 18th, got under way again, and arrived in the bay of Suez in the afternoon, after having been 16 hours under steam, and without any hindrances whatever, with exception of a few stoppages now and then, for to enable the dredges, then at work, to haul out of the way. The Canal is undoubtedly a great success, but the banks require a good finishing touch, for to enable them to withstand the whirling sand storms from the desert. For miles the banks seems firm enough, but in may places the slightest puffs of wind causes the light sand to flow down in the canal. This is a great drawback, and will cause an endless amount of expenditure in dredging and repairing, until some plan is found out to make the banks firm and secure. If there only was a vestige of fertility in the sand, the problem would then be easily solved, but unfortunately it is not, and to cover the entire length with vegetating soil, I am afraid would cost enormously. The propello didn't cause any apparent damage to the banks, only a small wash being visible. After having discharged some cargo at Suez, and embarked 225 pilgrims for Tembah, on the coast of Arabia, we started on the 20th, and arrive at the latter place on the 23rd; proceeded again after a delay of two hours, cleared the Straits of Babel Bondebon the 28th, and arrived same night at Aden. In the northern part of the Red Sea we had fresh northerly wind, in the middle two days calm, and in the southern part strong southerly gales with a nasty, turbulent sea, greatly impeding the progress of a light loaded ship. The navigation is for a steamer easy, providing a strict lookout is kept, and the deviation of the compass strictly under control, and upon the whole not such a bugbear as it is made out to be. We left Aden on the 30th, carried light N. Easterly wind across the Indian ocean, and arrived at Colombo, February 10th. Discharged and took in some cargo, and left on the 13th at 8 a.m., and arrived at 2 p.m. in Galle. Took in a quantity of cargo for Penang and Singapore, and left on the 16th, experienced strong North East monsoon in the Bay of Bengal, and arrived at Penang on the 24th. Discharged and took in cargo for Singapore and Hongkong; left on the 25th, and arrived in Singapore the 28th. Proceeded March 5th, and arrived at Victoria harbour, Labuan the 10th, discharged two road steamers, 16 trucks, other machinery and took in cargo for Hongkong. Went round to Coal Point and coaled, the first coals since we left London, having burnt during the entire passage out, only about 350 tons, giving an average of 5½ tons a day. Left Labuan March 19th and carried light northerly winds through the Palawan passage, light S.W. wind in China Sea, and arrived here to-day.

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tf 510 Hongkong, 14 March, 1870.